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## Worth the weight?



Masses of students queue for hours outside of Commons awaiting the traditional Thanksgiving feast. Colin Browning photo.

## RA tables amendment on budget

### McCracken listens to lighting proposals

by Ron Schneider  
Senior Reporter

Feeling the need for constructive change and the "need to act", four amendments to the RA constitution were introduced for ratification at Monday's meeting of the Representative Assembly. One amendment was tabled until the next meeting in order to give the Committee on Elections and By-Laws the opportunity to review and possibly rewrite the amendment. Director of Security Mark McCracken was also present to answer questions concerning parking and lighting.

The RA passed three amendments that dealt with resident

technicalities concerning the residence of representatives. What was once explicit, that a rep who changed residence would be dismissed, was made explicit by amending the constitution.

The fourth amendment, which was tabled, proposes that the RA budget would have to be ratified by the RA before it would be submitted to the Budget Committee. This proposal comes in the wake of criticism of the RA's budgetary process because of the mix up over Jen Guckel's private phone.

Guckel said that she felt the need "to act rather than plan" when Kristina Pray, Parliamentarian, said she would recommend that the amendment not be passed

## McIntyre, Crawford appeals decisions still pending

by Lisa Reisz  
Staff Reporter

The tenure appeals decisions for Professors McIntyre of the Economics department and Crawford of Sociology, have not yet been announced by the two respective trustee committees that are reviewing the cases. Last spring the two professors were denied tenure by the Faculty Committee on Personnel.

Both men submitted petitions for appeal during the week of July 19th. In accordance with the college By-Laws two separate Review Committees were established and began "consideration of the appeal within 20 days of the appeal's delivery to the Dean of the Faculty." Each committee is comprised of three trustees.

In previous appeals cases the trustee decision and if needed, re-evaluation by the faculty committee have ended by mid-October.

The length of this decision is beginning to become questionable. McIntyre finds it "Really outrageous that it has gone on this long." He says this, stressing that he feels he has a personality that copes well with delays.

McIntyre proceeded to say that, "There is a really unpleasant aspect to the waiting . . . I've become a little bit edgy wishing that there would be a resolution." The sentiment that the decision is taking a very long time has also been mentioned by members of the faculty. Crawford is on leave this semester first in England and now in France. The Student has been unable to reach him for comment.

President T. Hedley Reynolds says that, "I think the delay at least on one of [the decisions] has been caused by [Crawford] being away and then subsequent difficulties in getting three busy people to get together at one time. I don't think that there is any significance in the delay in terms of any tactic or anything of that sort. . . . [Such a lengthy delay] has not happened in the past and I would not think that this was a usual part of the appeals system."

Reynolds later commented that, "It may be that the appeals committees are having a difficult time deciding, but I don't know that." He advised that the members of

the committees not be contacted for comment since they are supposed to conduct their evaluation without exterior influences.

One of the possible reasons for the time span is that both professors are appealing under the two possible grounds for appeal: inadequate consideration, violation of the procedures set forth in the By-Laws, and improper consideration, "an alleged violation of academic freedom". Previous appeals have only been under inadequate consideration.

Reynolds said that the delay was not caused because one committee was waiting for the other to make a decision and in fact he believed that the two committees have not had contact with one another.

Dean of the Faculty Carl Straub notifies candidates and appellants of faculty and trustee committee decisions, respectively. Reynolds also ruled out the possibility that the delay may be further prolonged since Straub is traveling in the Soviet Union through Thanksgiving. He said that first the President or then the Chair of the trustee committee would convey the decision if it came while Straub was away.

Professor Crawford has a signed contract for a book with Oxford University Press, a pres-

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## Senior Class officers elected

### Nolan, Mahon narrowly defeated



Seniors Paul Murphy and Julie Sutherland. Colin Browning photo.

by John Lamontagne  
News Editor

The run-off elections for the officers of the Class of 1988 were held last Tuesday. Paul Murphy was selected by his classmates as President of the class while Julie Sutherland was chosen for Secretary.

In an extremely close election, Murphy nosed by (with only ten votes separating the two contenders) Sean "Slim" Nolan to become Class President. Sutherland defeated Marianne Mahon to become Class Secretary.

Nolan, who was narrowly

beaten, first praised the Parliamentarian of the Representative Assembly, who ran the elections. "Kristina Pray and her committee did an excellent job in publicizing and running the elections. I don't know if you saw the set-up they had there, but it was really well done." He also said he congratulated Murphy, saying "I'm sure we'll have an excellent Senior Week and reunion."

Murphy, who also applauded Pray for her work on the election, commented that he was pleased to have won, and was proud to have participated in the election. "Just being elected with this class, which

is so talented in so many ways" has made him more enthusiastic and excited about organizing Senior Week. "I would like to tap into a lot of the talent in our class. There are people who are good at getting good bands, people who are good at organizing parties, and people who are good at having quiet get-togethers" and he looks forward to working with them.

Sutherland looked forward to an exciting Senior Week and promised, "We're going to work really hard to get everyone involved." She added that if Senior activities were begun early "it should stimulate more class participation and we might get more input."

Murphy noted, "It was an important decision to have the elections this early [as compared to the March date of previous elections], because it gives us the luxury of time, and it gives us the ability to think about what we're going to do."

Sutherland added that it was important to get the senior activities started early. "If you can just get the seniors to make some bonds that will last now it would be really great." She also noted, "The one time you want to spend time with your friends is during your senior year, but you just can't [due to such wonderful things as thesis and job-hunting]. That's why I want to work hard

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## 25% of Batesies marry Batesies

by Tim Mahoney  
Senior Reporter

Almost everyone has heard the age old rumor that 60 percent of people who graduate from Bates go on to marry other Batesies. Many shudder in fear and loathing upon hearing such gossip and vow never to become a "statistic." But no one seems to know where this mysterious statistic came from or whether it is valid or not.

The Bates Alumni Development Office recently ran a program through the College's computer files to test the validity of this vicious rumor. Scanning information of alumni of Bates of the last eighty years, the program checked to see if both spouses in a marriage had a Bates ID number. When this happened the computer recorded a marriage that obviously involved two Batesies.

"What were the results?" you ask, as you tremble in terror. Well, the number isn't as high as 60 percent, but there is still a one in four chance that one Batesie will marry another. The computer survey found that over the years, approximately 24.9% of Bates grads marry another Batesie.

The study found that of the 12,530 living Bates alumni, 3,128 were married to other alums, a frightening fact indeed. Most often the married couples were both members of the same class according to the survey which nearly spanned the century.

As far as numbers go, the survey is most reliable beginning with the class of 1930, when records were considerably more accurate. However, the earliest record for marriages begins with the class of 1900, when 24.6% of the class

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# Poll says Simon takes control in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—Illinois Sen. Paul Simon has moved to the top of the Democratic presidential field in Iowa, while Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole holds a narrow lead over Vice President George Bush in the GOP race, a poll published Sunday indicated.

The poll, conducted by the Des Moines Register, said Dole was favored by 36 percent of those likely to attend the Republican precinct caucuses in February, compared to 30 percent for Bush. The rest of the GOP field trailed far behind.

Among Democrats, Simon got the backing of 24 percent of those who said they'll attend Democratic caucuses, with Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis in second at 18 percent. Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, who led in the last poll published in August, was third with 14 percent.

"A lot of little things are breaking in the right direction," said Simon during a campaign stop in Minnesota.

"I think it means clearly that as the people of Iowa get to know Paul Simon, they like what they see," said Pat Mitchell, Simon's Iowa campaign manager.

Gephardt downplayed the poll's results, and aides insist he'll make a strong showing at the Feb. 8 caucus.

"I don't want to peak in November, I want to peak on February 8 in Iowa," Gephardt said. "I think we are proceeding in a steady and consistent manner, and I think we will get a good result."

"What matters is we're the only campaign providing real solutions to real problems," said spokesperson Laura Nichols. "That's why we'll do extremely well in Iowa."

Dukakis said he was generally satisfied with a second place finish, but said the poll "doesn't mean much."

Questioned during an Iowa campaign stop, Dole said the poll confirmed his belief that the GOP battle is a two-person race.

"Unless I miss something, it's a race between myself and Bush," Dole said. Then, taking a shot at Bush's role in Washington, he said, "One is a player, one is an observer. I'm the player."

Simon was third place in the last poll the newspaper published, but since that time has scored some major organizational gains. When Delaware Sen. Joseph Biden

dropped out of the race, Simon picked up the bulk of his large and respected staff, and has campaigned heavily in the state with them.

"This is the best grassroots politician in America," Mitchell said.

In addition, though he was a relatively late entry in the Democratic field in May, Simon has benefited from living in neighboring Illinois, which affords Iowans a degree of familiarity with him.

Jesse Jackson was fourth among Democrats with 11 percent, former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt was fifth with 8 percent, while Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore was last with 3 percent, the poll indicated. Gore announced Friday he was pulling most of his staff out of Iowa to concentrate on other tests in New Hampshire and the South.

New York Rep. Jack Kemp was in third place among Republicans at 9 percent, followed by former

television evangelist Past Robertson at 8 percent, former Delaware Gov. Pete du Pont at 5 percent, and former Secretary of State Alexander Haig at 2 percent, the polls said. Haig also has said he plans to concentrate on New Hampshire.

The newspaper said it conducted a telephone survey Oct. 29 through Nov. 12 among 312 Republicans and 330 Democrats who said they "definitely or probably" would attend the caucuses.

## Dateline: Lewiston

### 15,000 without water Tues.

LEWISTON—An estimated 15,000 Lewiston residents were without water service until shortly before midnight Tuesday night when public work crews got an alternate supply on line.

About 60 customers remained without water early Wednesday morning in the higher areas of the city, including the Applesass Hill and Montello Heights areas, according to Public Works Director Christopher Branch. He added that even then some areas were

operating at only reduced pressure.

The loss of water service resulted from a power failure Tuesday which shut down the city's pumps at the new Main and Mill street pumping station. The shutdown resulted in a "water hammer" which caused water mains leading from the city's main supply at Lake Auburn to Lewiston to break, according to Branch.

"When you're running a garden hose with one of those trigger nozzles at full bore and shut it off suddenly, you feel a kick or back pressure," he explained. "That's a water hammer."

Branch said there were two breaks in the main, one on Center Street by Cumberland Farms, and another on Coolidge Street. He added that he did not know the exact nature of the break in the Coolidge Street line, as crews had not yet reached it as of midnight.

Workers at the Center Street site had reached the break in the main

there, which they said "looks like it split right up the length," adding that additional excavation was needed before repairs could begin.

Branch said the Webber Avenue Reservoir had been out of service before the break, leaving about a third of the city without water. That reservoir was brought into service shortly before midnight, returning that reservoir to service was the department's first priority.

He said that as things looked Wednesday morning, work crews were likely to have the breaks repaired and normal water service restored by Thursday.

A Central Maine Power Co. spokesman said they did not know what caused the outage affecting downtown areas of the city. "Power was out from about 2:40 to 3 p.m.," he said. "A circuit breaker in one of the substations kicked out. We don't know why." (Courtesy of *The Lewiston Daily Sun*, Dan Wheeler reporting)

## Windows broken in spree

LEWISTON—A vandal armed with a pellet or BB gun destroyed windows in a fast-food restaurant, buses, and other businesses Sunday, causing more than \$2,000 damage, according to Lewiston police.

Seven windows in five buses and vans at Hudson Bus Lines at 280

Bartlett St. were shot out, according to Lt. Herbert Saucier. The damage, estimated at \$1,500, was reported by Gerard Sampson, an employee of Hudson, he said.

Saucier said it appears that the damage to Hudson and others could be related. The police don't know if the vandal was carrying a BB or pellet gun, the lieutenant said.

At the Burger King restaurant on 827 Lisbon St. in Lewiston, customers were eating in a dining room at about 6:30 p.m. when a double-pane window was cracked by a pellet, according to shift manager Claire Russell. She could not estimate the cost of replacing the window.

A glass door near Deorsey's at the Lewiston Mall was also cracked by the pellet gun, according to police records. A damage estimate was not available.

Shortly after 6:30 p.m., the marksman shot out a glass window on the front door of the Knights of Columbus hall.

comment on whether it was related to the job action.

United Transportation Union General Chairman Ernie Phillips in Portland, Maine, said the union, which pulled about 1,200 railroad workers in several states off the job Thursday, "we would not condone that. We do not condone violence or acts of vandalism."

Vibrations from idling engines can dislodge the throttle, sending the locomotives into motion, he said. "Usually it's something the workers watch very carefully and they are able to board the engines before they get going over 10 miles an hour."

## Women drinkers risk high blood pressure

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Women who consume two mixed drinks a day may be 40 percent more likely to develop high blood pressure, and those who drink milk may cut their risk, researchers said Monday.

The researchers also found that higher intake of magnesium—found in leafy green vegetables, soybeans, and some nuts—could cut the risk of high blood pressure.

The study, reported at the annual meeting of the American Heart Association, was based on questionnaires distributed every two years to 58,218 nurses around the country aged 35 to 59.

Over four years, 3,275 women in the group reported that they had high blood pressure.

Analysis of the questionnaires showed that women consuming two or three mixed drinks a day, or three or four glasses of wine or beer, had a 40 percent higher risk of hypertension than the others.

Those who drank more than

that had a 90 percent higher risk.

Three glasses of milk per day provide enough calcium to cut the risk by 22 percent, compared to women who consume less than half that.

Increased consumption of magnesium cut the risk by about 23 percent.

Potassium, fiber, and saturated and unsaturated fats did not affect the risk, the researchers reported.

## "A single doonk or toonk"

WILMINGTON, Del. (AP)—An "endearing, weird little frog" has been discovered in Delaware. How weird? It barks.

Nature experts say the lime-green frogs are common to Florida's freshwater swamps and in swampy areas along the southern East Coast, but were not previously known this far north. The 3-inch frog is known as *Hyla gratiosa*.

Jim White, naturalist for the Delaware Nature Education Society at Ashland Nature Center, said guide books call the frog's sound "a single explosive doonk or toonk."

But "I just think it sounds like barking dogs," he said.

White said the frog's bark can be heard from up to a half-mile away, and closely resembles the sound of a German shepherd.

"It's a miracle it didn't just derail"

## Runaway train barrels thru Mass.

DEERFIELD, Mass. (AP)—Six empty locomotives barreled more than 30 miles Monday at speeds up to 55 mph before dispatchers managed to guide them onto a siding where they crashed into empty boxcars and stopped, officials said.

No injuries were reported as the string of engines sped through a half-dozen small western Massachusetts communities and past a startled line of striking railroad workers at the East Deerfield yards, said Colin Pease, a vice president for Guilford Transportation Co., headquartered in Billerica.

He said the locomotives were "intentionally released by persons unknown." The railroad has asked the Federal Railroad Administration and the FBI to investigate the incident, he said.

The locomotives were hooked together and idling on a stretch of track near Gardner when they were released about 10:15 a.m.

Railroad dispatchers cleared the tracks and guided the speeding engines by remote control, throwing switches during their 45-minute journey south to route them onto a rural siding near the village of Old Deerfield.

"We deliberately switched the locomotives onto a track we had lined with 45 empty cars and in-

tentionally ran them into the cars to stop them," Pease said. "It was the most harrowing 45 minutes of my life."

It was unclear how fast the engines were going when they hit the line of cars, but their speed had been slowed by a slight uphill grade and damage was minimal, said Hal Dwyer, a railroad inspector on the scene.

Police in several communities along the route sped to rail crossings in an attempt to keep cars and people off the track, said John Newton, a Deerfield police officer. Rail workers said there were nine crossings on the route.

"It was terrifying," said Ed Croteau, one of about a dozen pickets who watched the string of locomotives whiz past on a long, dangerous curve which he said had a speed limit of 8 mph. "It was rocking back and forth," the engineer said. "The wheels came right off the rail when it went along the curve. It's a miracle it didn't just derail and explode right here."

Pease initially said he believed the incident was related to a five-day-old walkout by workers on the Springfield Terminal Railroad, a Guilford subsidiary, but later said he had spoken "in the heat of the moment" and amended his statement to say the railroad had no

## Mr. Potato Head quits smoking

Mr. Potato Head, 35, Tuesday kicked the smoking habit. The toy of a thousand faces gave his green pipe to Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and vowed never to touch it again.

A delighted Koop dubbed him "spokespod" for this year's Great American Smokeout, the annual American Cancer Society promotion to get millions to quit smoking.

First Lady Nancy Reagan offered her "heartiest congratula-

tions."

Hasbro spokesman Wayne Charness said the decision to quit smoking wasn't due to consumer pressure, just that the company's marketing staff "thought it was time he changed with the times."

Mr. Head supposedly said, "Enough of this. I want to stay healthy." And to smokers trying to quit, he offered: "Spend time with old friends, keep busy, exercise a bit and remember, starches can be cozy companions."



*Parker to go co-ed?*

# Housing at Bates: Is anything going to change?

by Alicia Tomasian  
Student Correspondent

Is Parker going coed? Is Hedge going single sex? Did Bates buy several houses? Does this college really have enough housing for its growing population?

These are just some of the questions and rumors that have occasionally been flying around campus for the past several years. Female students are hoping not to have to worry about being placed in single sex housing while men are considering the possibility of a large, comfortable, convenient home in Parker. And of course, with the possibility of another larger than expected freshmen class, everybody's wondering where they're going to put us all.

### Women in majority

According to Spencer Neyland, Coordinator of Housing, none of these housing concerns are going to be met with any drastic measures any time soon. Neyland responded to the question of Parker going coed saying, "It's not (a possibility for) the near future but the idea has been considered." He added that, "We know that there

first and third floors of Hedge. That can hardly compare with all four floors of Parker, each containing about 22 rooms.

The real delay in reform is that nobody is sure just how much single sex housing is needed to insure that the substantial amount of women wanting that option get it. In addition, it is not known just how much the changing ratio on campus will affect an attempt to integrate a larger percentage of the female population into coed housing.

### On Parker becoming co-ed

The idea of replacing Parker with a smaller single sex dorm, probably Hedge, was proposed at a meeting with Resident Coordinators and Junior Advisors, but it's all speculative. Neyland said that, "If we have a sound proposal with the numbers to back it up...there shouldn't be any real delay."

Although many students have an opinion on Parker, those who live there know the advantages and disadvantages of the situation best. Most Parker residents interviewed said that they either liked their living conditions, didn't

'90 who said that she and most of the other sophomores who live in Parker "got stuck" there responded that she wasn't sure if it should be changed. She explained that she thought those who wanted such housing should have the option. Also that she thought it would be too bad if the dorm got trashed.

Other Parker residents were more definite. One student who did not want to live there either year she was there said, "I think that there are other dorms on campus that would be better all-female, like Hedge, because it's smaller."

Many Parker residents expressed a desire to see the dorm go coed soon. One sophomore, who declined to be identified, seemed to sum up a popular opinion among those who didn't want to live there. She said that she thinks that Parker is fine and a lot of fun but that it should definitely go coed.

She added, "I think that there should be some single sex housing for people who prefer that but since Parker is so big it doesn't make sense." Another sophomore summed up the situation saying, "most of the sophomores got stuck here."

The changing ratio of men to women could make any upcoming changes more complicated than the integrating of Adams two years ago which, Spencer Neyland said, not only improved housing for men, but also opened up more singles for women that replaced the options of the Women's Union.

### Is more housing needed?

Neyland stressed, though, that administration was aware of a lack of singles. He said that they would like to be able to offer every senior a single, but as of now, there are only enough singles for about half of them. "We definitely need more singles," he said. Despite this, the college has recently had higher priorities, such as the building of the Olin Arts Center and the renovation of Carnegie, to consider renovations and possible new housing in the near future.

In his address to the Representative assembly, however, President of the College T. Hedley

is a strong student sentiment (in favor of it) but we need to look at the numbers."

The Administration must also consider a growing trend towards a majority of women on campus. At present, the female-to-male ratio is 53% to 47%. Wylie Mitchell, director of admissions, said that Bates has been and will continue to accept a 50-50 ratio because any attempt to compensate could result in a highly unbalanced class.

Despite the change in ratio, Neyland admitted that "we have too much single sex housing for women." Although there are comparable single sex houses for both sexes, only several all-male floors of dorms still exist, such as the basement of Adams and the

mind them, or at least made the best of the situation. But when asked whether or not they would like to see Parker coed, reactions were mixed. Stephanie Brunson, a freshman who is very happy in Parker, said, "I don't think it should be changed. It allows you to get closer, and it's not like we're in a totally single sex environment." Others agreed. One Parker resident said she likes it because it's peaceful. Some of the women had mixed reactions when asked about changing the dorm, though many refused to be identified. One sophomore said that she thinks "it should remain that way, so long as I don't have to get stuck here again a third year."

Another member of the class of



**"We have too much single-sex housing for women."**

**Spencer Neyland, Housing Coordinator**

Reynolds responded to a question on housing saying "the administration that succeeds mine will undoubtedly have to deal with the need for increased housing facilities, as I have focused on upgrading the academic facilities."

Bernard Carpenter, treasurer and vice president for business affairs, agreed. He commented that "Housing possibilities, or lack thereof," will certainly have to be addressed in the future, but he added that, "Everything that ought to happen has a price tag on it." The present lack of funds for new residences is coupled with the lack of space for such projects. Carpenter stressed this point, explaining that "it's difficult for a college located in an urban area."

He said that such a situation required extra careful planning before expansion "unlike a more rural setting where land is more plentiful and you can be less thoughtful in use of it." Because of such complications, Carpenter said, he doesn't "see any changes within the next two to three years."

### Are there too many students?

Will changes come soon enough? Beyond a desire for more singles and coed housing, is there an absolute need for more space? Did Bates accept too many people last year? It is true that the almost 430 freshmen on campus this semester constitutes a large class, but there have been larger classes, such as the freshman class of 1979. This doesn't change the fact that, partially due to the size of the class of '91, there are 70 extra people on campus this semester that housing didn't originally plan room for.

The error was not in admissions. The number accepted was the number requested. Coordinator of Housing Neyland explained that it is first estimated how many students will take leave-of-absences and junior year abroad. The total number of current students expected to be off campus in the fall is subtracted from the total population to figure out what size freshman class is required to bring Bates to its ideal 1,475 on-campus residents. That number is

submitted to admissions in the winter so they can figure acceptances accordingly.

Last year, fewer people than expected went abroad or took leaves of absences, and the number Admissions received turned out to be too large, accounting for 70 more students on campus than the 1,475 desired population normally provides for.

The solution to this problem will not be met with extra housing. Although Carpenter said that there "definitely will be new residences constructed" sometime in the future, there has been nothing done about it thus far; however, he did agree that "requirements for additional residences and improved residences will absolutely have to be met."

### New houses purchased

Bates has purchased about three new houses in the last year, but the original residents are still living in them and will continue to do so. Carpenter explained these purchases saying, "Bates will be here forever and if the college is to have the means whereby it can do some meaningful long-range planning, it needs to have the land upon which to work with." Neyland also agreed that there won't be any new housing any time soon to alleviate the housing crunch.

The problem won't be met with increased encouragement for students to move off campus either. Carpenter insured a continued guarantee of housing, stressing the importance of a student being in residence at the college. He described Bates as a 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week learning experience and said that "the college's intention is to be a residential college, and I don't see that changing."

The only immediate solution to the lack of housing at Bates is a controlled population. The school may see some additions and renovations within ten or fifteen years, but Neyland commented that the answer is to get the population under control. He said that the school won't grow beyond 1,475 students, and that next year's incoming freshman class will be much smaller, probably

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**Freshmen in a quad in Smith North: Are there too many students on campus to house? Photo by Colin Browning.**



# Over two hundred give blood for Blood Drive

by Ron Schneider  
Senior Reporter

The Campus Association (CA) had a record breaking blood drive this past Tuesday, collecting blood from 205 donors, 37 of whom were first time donors. With the help of WRBC sponsorship and gifts from local business establishments, CA was able to attract a record 261 presenting donors, 56 of those being deferred mostly because of low iron content in blood.

Anne Baldwin said that although CA usually sees the same names, there were many new donors. She felt that WRBC and the gifts from the community businesses were a great help in attracting donors. She said that the usual

reasons that people do not donate is fear of needle or lack of time, adding that this time of year produces many sick and run down people. Baldwin was very happy with the turn out of student but mentioned that the faculty appearance was incredibly low.

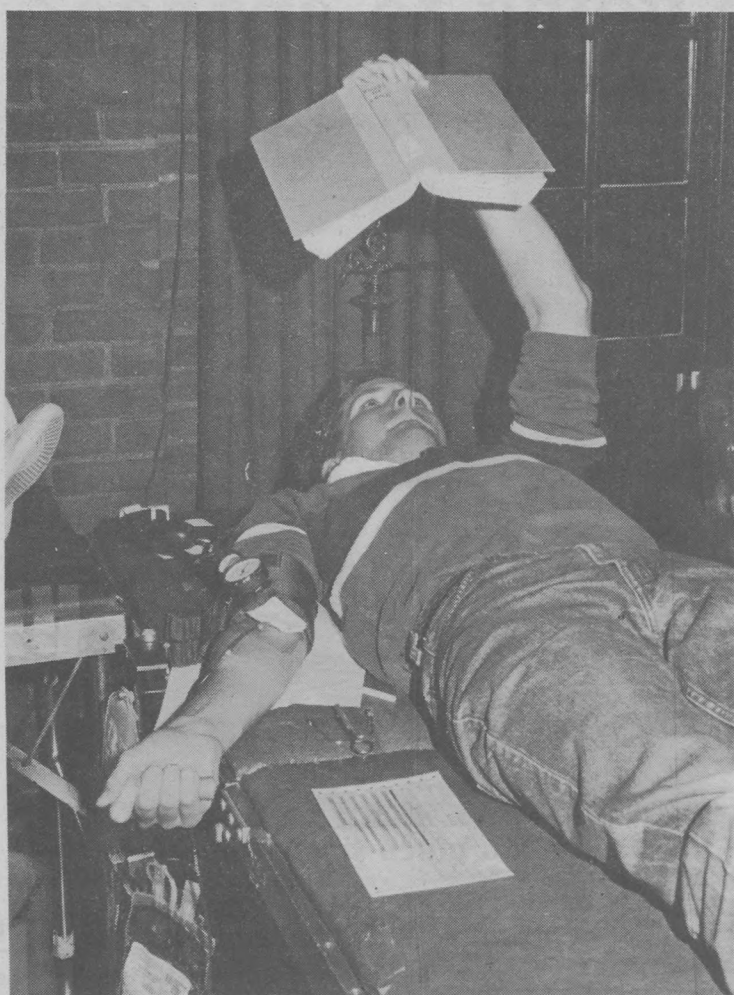
Asked why he thought it important to donate, a student said "I figure it's a good thing to do. I feel responsible to donate because if I ever need it, I'll know I gave."

Another student commented that she did it so she could "eat the cookies."

Other than pizza and cookies, raffles were set up for every half hour that offered such prizes as a

six pack from John's for someone 21 years or older who also happened to be wearing a green shirt as well as dinner, dessert and a movie. Baldwin commented that it only takes an hour and as one student said, "giving blood is great but so are the prizes."

The only reasons that a person could not give blood would be if you were at risk of getting or spreading AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), if you ever had hepatitis, if you have syphilis or if you have been in a country, where Malaria exists, within the past six months. A pamphlet was handed to each donor to explain the restrictions in greater detail.



Sam Browning '89 squeezes out a pint while squeezing in some studying. Erik Yates photo.

## Rumor of Corsetti suit against WRBC denied

by Mary Lehman  
Student Correspondent

Has there been slander on WRBC? It all depends on with whom one speaks. Two weeks ago at the Back to Bates game (Bates vs. Colby), rumor indicated that slanderous comments were made

against Enrico Corsetti, a Bates alumnus. Corsetti, from the class of 1986, played football for Bates, but has recently been playing for the "scab Patriots."

One of the announcers for that game Alan McNab '88 wonders if this was the slip that caused rumors of a law suit filed against Bates by Corsetti. Another comment, said McNab, was that the "whole defensive line was on drugs," was possibly the cause of General Manager Scott Dalton '89 visiting the radio station during the game asking for an apology, aired during half-time.

McNab was working with Jess Nevins '88, who McNab says was not the source of any offensive remarks, and Dan Ramirez '88 who was unaware that anything slanderous had been said. "I don't know...as far as I know nothing was said. No one has approached me."

Dalton has had no complaints either, and denies that Corsetti is upset. "As far as I know," he said, "there is no legal suit pending, and no one has asked me about seeing the deans." Dalton added that he would gladly discuss the incident with any of the administration, if it was requested of him. This is unlikely since Dean Branham refutes the rumor also.

"I have no reason to believe it (the rumor of a law suit) is true...I have no information (affirming such a rumor)." Apparently the rumor is merely hearsay with little, if any, basis for truth.

Rico Corsetti himself could not be reached to comment. He is currently residing in West Newton, Massachusetts.

Dean Branham said in previous years there has been trouble with student conduct at WRBC, but no complaints of defamation. The conduct problems stemmed in part from Paul Newman Day last year, when Dalton said a few DJ's lost control. Calumny, swearing, and the discharging of fire extinguishers were all reported, followed by warnings from the college to "clean up their act."

Although WRBC did not receive any warning from the FCC itself, Dalton commented that they didn't look favorably upon it, and the station was aware of the dangers of the Commission investigating the violations. It is a "dangerous situation for a radio station to be in," said Dalton.

Dalton said he was pleased with the football broadcast, and the lighthearted commentary, as opposed to boring play by play reports and statistics, but that "once it goes over into personal views, it has to stop."

## Bates makes list of choosiest schools in U.S.

by Steven Shalit  
Copy & Wire Editor

Bates is among the 43 choosiest colleges in the nation, according to a USA Today survey published Tuesday.

The newspaper placed Bates at number 32, just below Middlebury College, and just above William & Mary. To make the list, a school must accept less than 50 percent of its applicants and must have a freshman SAT average of 1200 or above. Bates accepts 38.8% of its applicants and has an SAT-average of just 1200.

The statistics were obtained by USA Today through The College Board. The ratings were compiled by the newspaper by percentage accepted.

The U.S. Military Academy at West Point topped the list, with only 10.2% accepted. The highest ranking non-military school was

Rank	College	% accepted
12	Amherst C.	21.4 %
14	Bowdoin C.	24.5 %
15	Williams C.	24.7 %
24	Wesleyan U.	34.6 %
25	Tufts U.	34.7 %
31	Middlebury C.	37.8 %
32	Bates C.	38.8 %
34	Trinity C.	41.1 %

Ratings and percentages by USA Today

Stanford University, with 15.6% accepted.

Of the 11 NESCAC schools, eight made the list of pickiest colleges. Colby College and Hamilton College were dropped from last year's list, and Connecticut College has never been on the list.

Of the eight schools listed, Bates

placed seventh. Amherst topped the NESCAC schools at number 12, with 21.4%, followed by Bowdoin at 14 with 24.5% accepted.

This list comes closely after a U.S. News and World Report article which did not rank Bates in the top 25 liberal arts colleges in the country.

## Large percentage of Bates grads marry other Batesies

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coupled up

The classes of the 1930's and 1940's have the highest percentages of Bates marriages. The class of 1932 had 33 married in Bates couples, or 37.5% of the class. The following class, 1933, had thirty-five married Batesies, or 40.2% of the class. The highest percentage of all Bates class, however, goes to the class of 1943, with 65 married couples for a whopping 43.0% of the class. One can only wonder what Bates was like during those days when nearly half of the graduates married other Batesies. Yet, it must be remembered that these numbers reflect the smaller class sizes of past years.

The classes of the 1970's have the highest recorded numbers of Batesies marrying Batesies. Both of the classes of 1971 and 1972 have 70 members in couples made up of Batesies (25.7% and 28.3%). 71 of the members of the class of 1976 married other Bates graduates (23.9%).

As far as sheer numbers go, the classes of 1973 and 1974 lead the way. 80 members of the class of 1973 married a fellow Bates graduate (27.9%) while those in the class of 1974 hold the record for Bates marriages with 91, 28.2% of the entire class, a truly stomach-churning statistic.

These classes come close to the overall average for Bates marriages. Classes in the Seventies

came closer to 400 in size, so the percentages reflect the 1 in 4 statistic closer than do the earlier years.

The oldest living married Bates couple are Mr. and Mrs. Elton and Amelia Fales.

And on the other end of the spectrum, there are already five members of the class of 1987 who have married other Bates graduates, only six months after they left this lovely institution in Lewiston. Most only shake their in amazement and pray it doesn't happen to them.

Look around you. One of every four people you see could marry someone else you know. And as much as you may deny it, you too could be "just another statistic."



A statistic in the making? Colin Browning photo.





# Sports

## Too Tuft to handle: Jumbos down Cats

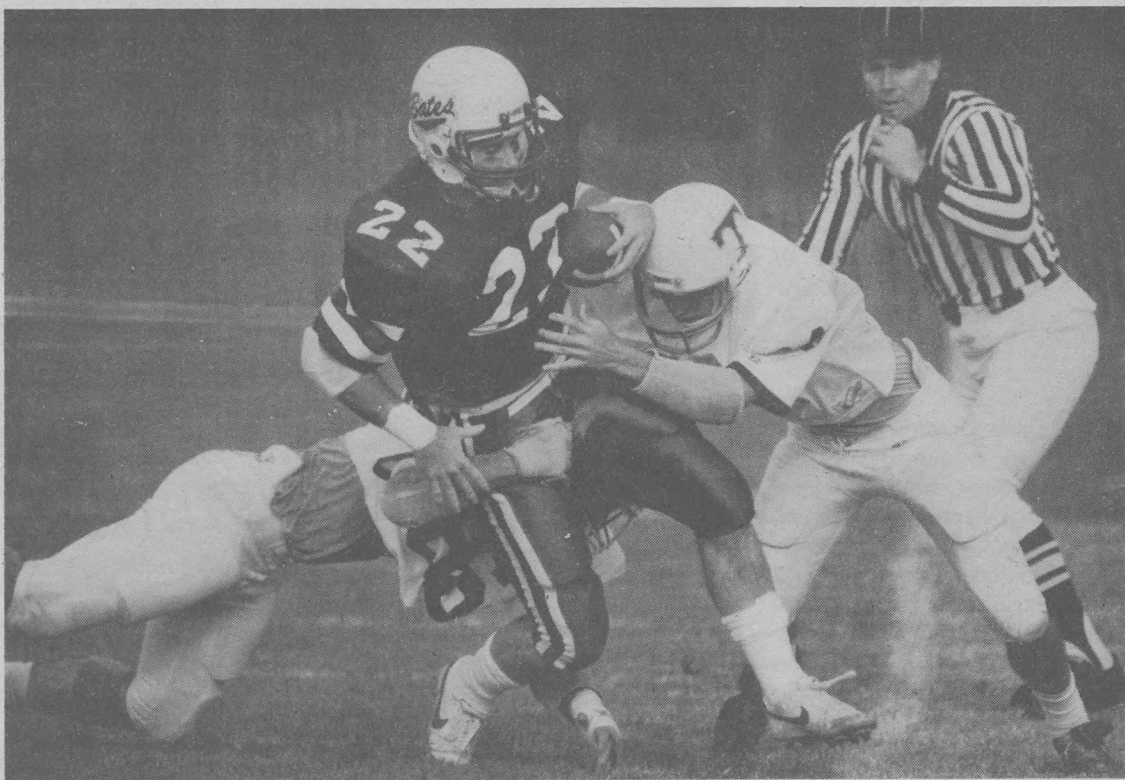
by Mark Clizbe  
Student Correspondent

One might say that Bates' football season ran in cycles. Games seemed to come in pairs, with each pair possessing unique characteristics.

First came the Amherst-Trinity pair, in which Bates fumbled or dropped or kicked away otherwise close games against pretty tough competition. Then came the Hamilton-Middlebury pair, two games that ought to be forgotten. Bates turned itself around against WPI and Colby, ringing up two big wins behind the thunderous running of Chris Hickey, winner of two straight Golden Helmets.

On Saturday, Bates rounded out its fourth and final pair of games. The Bobcats lost another emotional game, this time to Tufts University 24-20, when their defense folded on a game-winning, yardage-churning, spirit-crunching last drive. Just like Bowdoin.

Statistically, this game was pretty close. Bates gave up exactly ninety more yards than Tufts did, but those yards are all accounted for, down to the very last one, by the last Tufts drive. Both teams were penalized for atrocious amounts of yardage, with the Bobcats earning nine whistles for—get this—ninety-four yards.



Chris Hickey '88 is hauled out of bounds in last Saturday's season finale against Tufts. The Jumbos beat Bates 24-20, leaving Bates with a 2-6 final record. Colin Browning photo.

Most of those yards were accumulated by silly late-hit personal fouls. Tufts also ran up ridiculous numbers of fouls (6 for 63 yards.) Again, the difference, statistically, was the last drive, when Bates was called for 25 yards worth of personal fouls.

Another difference, besides the

final drive, the kicking game. The point margin was provided for by a missed PAT attempt by Sean Nolan of Bates and a made field goal by Tufts' Paul Madeiras.

But the difference in this game was that Bates simply could not stop the Tufts ground game. Full-back Tim Fanikos gained 162

yards on 32 carries, and quarterback Matt Guanci pulled in another 96.

On Tufts' second possession of the game, the Jumbos marched 99 yards on 18 plays, a drive that consumed eight minutes of the clock. Fanikos, on this drive alone, carried 10 times for sixty

yards. He was blowing by the defensive line so fast, that he was in the secondary before anybody even touched him, most of the time.

Bates was not out of the game yet, though. In fact, the Bobcats were never behind by more than 10 points, and that was for only a brief time.

In the end, though, Bates just could not keep up with Guanci and Fanikos. The two wore down the defense so that it could provide only nominal resistance to the Final Drive. Consistent gains of four, five, and six yards, added to Bates penalties, chewed up 90 yards in only two minutes and thirty seconds. And, remarkably, the drive did not include even one pass. Not one.

### Linebacker

Jay Contis '89 recovered two fumbles; safeties Gary Abagnaro '90 and Chris Magandantz '91 contained the passing game, and tackled well; and Coach Harrison's offense was well-designed, if always not well-executed. And, of course, there was Chris Hickey. Not to make a big deal or anything, but Hickey did about everything. He ran for 191 yards on 29 carries (that's 6.5 yards per carry), caught two passes for 19 yards, and even threw one pass for 39 yards and a touchdown.

## Swimming plunges into new season

by Bill Aden  
Student Correspondent

Bates' swimmers and divers travelled to Bowdoin college last Saturday to commence their season at the Batterman Relays, along with the swimming and diving teams from Bowdoin, SMU, MIT, and Wellesley. The annual relay carnival is intended as an exhibition meet with a very relaxed atmosphere, and in fact was not even scored seriously (points ranging from 500-1500 were chosen out of a hat after each race). Still, the competition was often keen, and the Bobcats had a strong showing, both in diving and in many of the more exciting races. Among some more venerable swimming powers, Bates proved itself a force to be reckoned with on the New England Division III scene.

Those returning for the Bobcats from the women's team that placed eighth in the New England Championships last year include co-captains Linnea Hensley '88 and Mindy Wheeler '88, as well as Maria Uhle '88, Wendy Genga '89 and Kate Killoran '90.

Wheeler has qualified for Division III Nationals in the 200 breaststroke each of the two years she has swum for Bates thus far and looks toward a repeat performance this season. Hensley and Genga were both honored as all-New England swimmers after last year's season.

Additional strength will come from Elisa Fischer '88 and Suzanna Paillac '88, both returning from JYA to swim for Bates once

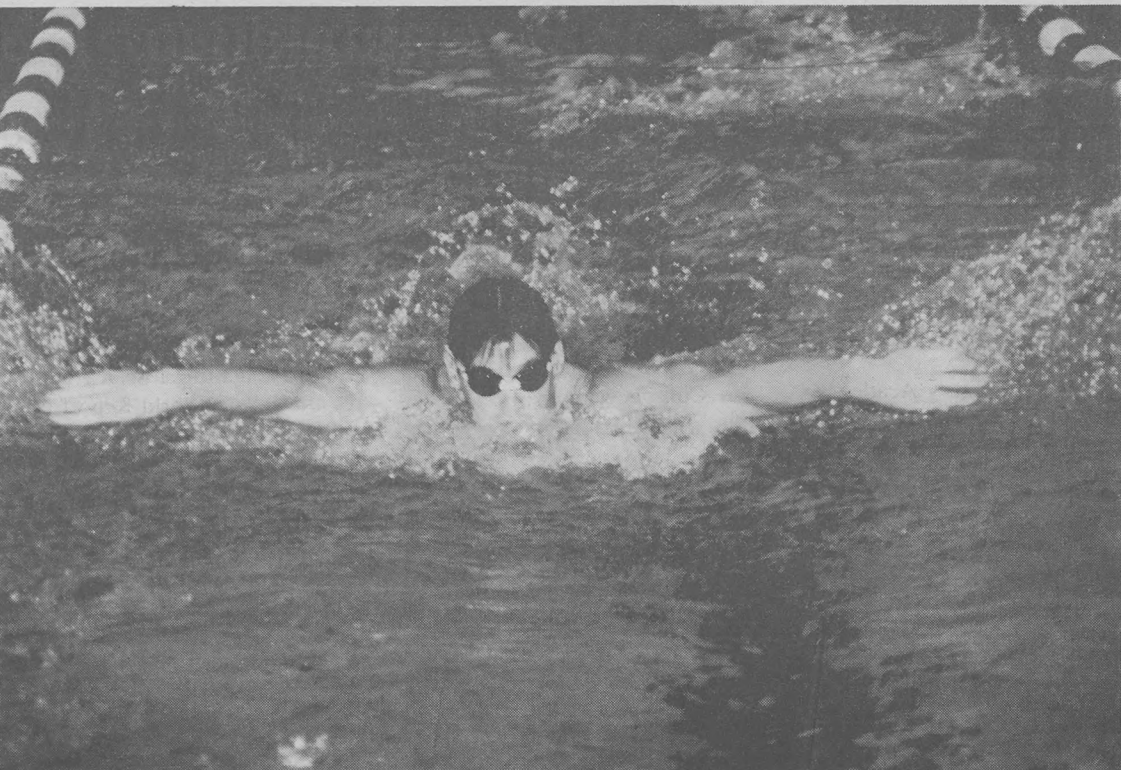
again, and Deb Schiavi '89. And the women's team will also profit from an eager contingent of six new swimmers, four freshmen and two sophomores, who will provide a glimpse into the future of Bates women's swimming.

The core of this year's men's team will of course be the returning swimmers from last year's sensational New England squad. The team is now lead by co-captain butterflyers Mike Godin '88 and Paul Murphy '88. In the freestyle sprints, Jon Simon '89 should sear a new standard of excellence into the Bates record book. In middle-distance freestyle and the individual medley, look for Pete Champlin '90 and also Hale Thurston '88 who has returned after a one-year absence.

In breaststroke Peter Creaser '89 will lead the way. Providing further depth will be breastroker Art Jacobs '89, sprinter Chris von Jako '90 and distance freestyler Bill Aden '89, as well as three new freshmen swimmers.

One would not be exaggerating at all in pointing to the women's diving team as a highlight in the brief but exciting tradition of Bates swimming and diving. This season should only reinforce the claim. Under Coach Barb Eretzian, seniors Jen Briggs and Alison Smith have spent three years developing, refining and perfecting their skills and are sure to cap off their careers this season with fitting excellence.

Also returning for a second season is senior Astrid Delfino. And rounding out the group are three new divers, notably Susie Ziegen-



Bates swimmers will face a more challenging schedule this year than last. Colin Browning.

hagen '91 who performed exceptionally well at Bowdoin both on the board for the diving team and in a freestyle relay for the swim team!

The men's diving team, also coached by Eretzian, will be a three-man force this season, featuring one-year veterans Andy Evans '90 who dove in the New England Championships last year and Rob Meyers '90. The third is freshman hopeful Rob True. Along with the women, these divers will surely be essential for success in the dual meets of the coming season.

Head Swim Coach George Purgavie informs *The Student* that the schedules for his teams "have been beefed up considerably from last year, especially for the women. The addition of Tufts and Amherst to their agenda really boosts the overall level of competition."

Is Purgavie concerned about the teams' prospects, in view of the intensified competition? "Not really. Our success this year will depend largely on our versatility. We lost our two best male backstrokers to graduation, as well as our top men's breastroker who

is on JYA. And we'll be missing a key swimmer for the women's team in Joan Farrington ['89, JSA] until second semester. But if we can cover these spots effectively with the talent that we already have and really capitalize on our current strength in freestyle and butterfly, we should be alright."

Both men and women are now eagerly awaiting an intensive training trip to Cumena, Venezuela during the Christmas break. According to swimmers, the benefits of practicing in a 50 meter pool there will be tremendous.



# Men's hoop shooting for new heights

by Mark Mandel  
Student Correspondent

Only three years ago when Bowdoin senior Rick Boyages played his last game at Bates in the unfriendly confines of Alumni Gymnasium, he was definitely not unhappy about the prospect of never seeing the Bates gym again. "You guys [Bates fans] were all over me," recalls Boyages, who started at point guard for all four of his years at Bowdoin. "Everyone knew who I was, and every time I touched the ball I was booed until I gave it up."

Now, ironically, Boyages has a permanent space in Alumni Gym as the new men's head basketball coach for Bates. He is the third coach the Bobcats have had in three years, and he takes over a program that posted a 12-11 record last year, but has struggled to establish some type of winning consistency in the past.

Boyages begins the year hoping to instill a new positive attitude in his players and around the campus in general, and he inherits a team that is experienced and capable enough to help him with such a task.

The Bobcat hoopsters return last year's leading scorer, Dave Weaver '89 (17 points per game, 7.3 rebounds per game in '86), along with Bob Price '88 (10.9 PPG and 109 assists), Dave Larrivee '88 (8.6 PPG, 7.6 RPG), and this year's captain, Steve "Gus" Williams, (11.0 PPG, 34 steals last year).

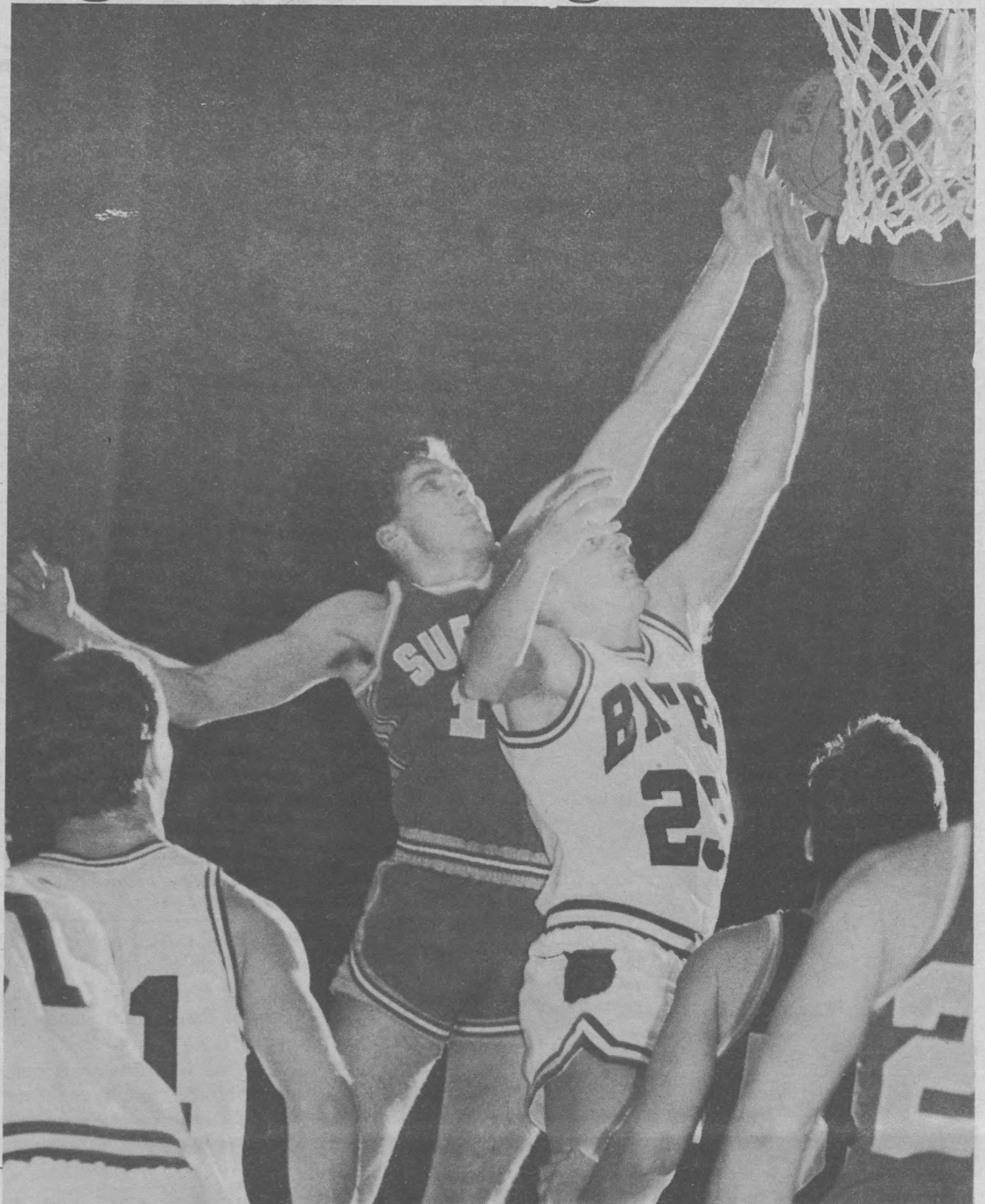
Although the team may miss the production it got from last season's lone senior starter, Mike Bernier, Boyages believes that the slack will be taken up by his fifth

starter, Todd Murphy '89, (5.1 PPG, 3.5 RPG in '86), along with Junior's Erik Johnson (7.6 PPG, 92 assists) and Mike Farhm, who both are close to cracking the starting lineup. Junior Joe Mancinelli, who didn't play last year, should also see lots of action this winter.

With Williams and Price leading the back court, and Weaver, Larrivee and Murphy running the floor, Boyages sees this squad as a run-and-gun type team. Offense is going to be the key this season, and Boyages feels it important for his team to keep a positive attitude as it plays only nine of twenty-two games at home, where it was 10-4 last season.

Bates faces St. Joe's College (Maine) and Division II Bentley College in scrimmages before playing a final exhibition game against the Senegalese National Team (from Africa) November 22. The season begins in December 2 at home against Bowdoin, and the Bobcats play four more games before some time off for Christmas break. Boyages said he hopes to start off the season well, so that the players and fans can return in January with a good attitude.

The key to the '87-'88 season for the men's basketball team will be in how successful the twenty-five year old coach is in generating a winning attitude in a team accustomed to mediocrity. Although he may be the youngest head basketball coach in the country in any division, Boyages has six years of Division III basketball under his belt (he was an assistant at Babson the past two years), and one of his goals is to develop "an active role in recruiting."



Steve Williams '88 goes to the hoop. Basketball team looks forward to exciting year under new coach Rick Boyages. Bob Greene photo.

## Women's basketball speeds up the pace

by Emanuel Merisotis  
Staff Reporter

When the Bates women's basketball team opens its season on December 2nd it will be a very different team than the one that ended the 86-87 season. Seven new players will be on the bench for the Bobcats to add to the six returning letter winners. Coach Marsha Graef says that this will result in a totally different approach to the season.

Graef said that the new additions have made the team much faster than last year. Look for Bates to apply more pressure defensively by pressing and playing tight man-to-man defensive. Graef also plans on having a fast paced running one post offense. Junior Rachel Langlais will be called upon to do most of the work down low.

In addition to Langlais, Graef will rely on the two seniors, Deb Sullivan and Lisa Blake to lead the team. So far Graef has been impressed with the play of two freshmen, Amy Schrag and Adrienne Shibles, and said that they will see a lot of playing time.

The biggest obstacle for the team seems to be their schedule. Fourteen of the twenty one games will be on the road, plus a tournament trip to Alfred University over Christmas break. Graef said that the tough schedule "might take its toll," and fears dropping

games on the road that should be wins.

Graef pushed off the start of the schedule in order for the players from soccer and volleyball to get in the swing of the team. By doing this Bates plans to avoid the 1-7 start of last year.

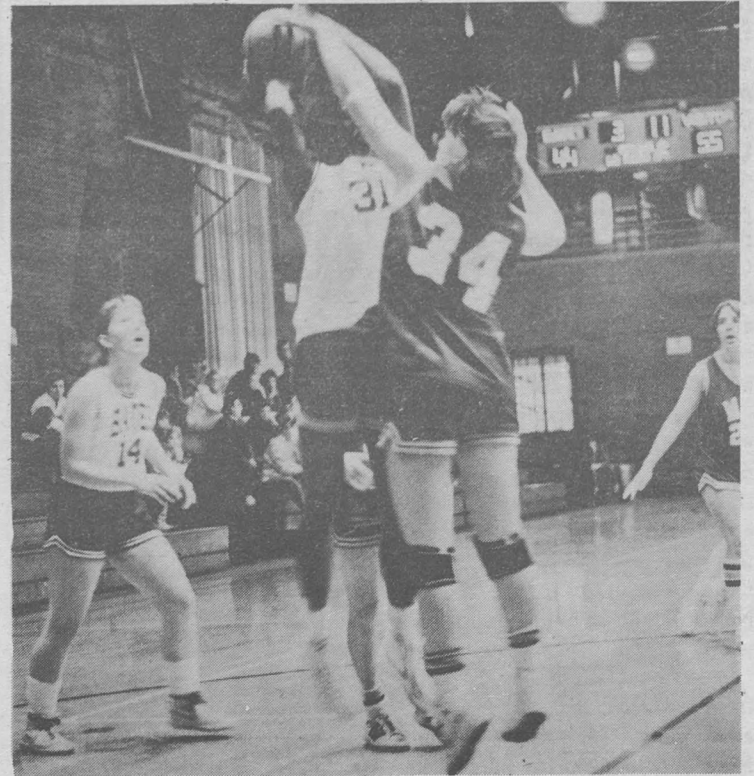
Bates opened up their scrimmage season on Monday with an overtime victory over University of Maine Farmington. The Bobcats looked good for this early in the season. For only a week of

practice as a whole team the Bobcats seemed to be doing well offensively. Graef was "very pleased with the results," of the game. She says that in defeating UMF it "showed the potential our team has this year."

Bowdoin will be Bates first opponent on December 2nd at 5:30 in Alumni Gymnasium. There will be one other home game before Christmas break, on Dec. 12 vs. University of New England at 2:00.



Women's hoop prepares for season opener on December 2. Bob Greene photos.





# Young Boyages adds spark to men's hoop

by Dean Putnam  
Student Correspondent

You may have walked past the new Bates basketball coach this year without even knowing it. Last spring the physical education department selected Rick Boyages, making him the youngest head basketball coach in the country. Boyages, 25, also helped out with the men's soccer team and will coach the women's tennis team in the spring.

Boyages is a graduate of Bowdoin College. An art major, he was a four year starter on the basketball team, named a Division III All New England player his senior year. Since graduating, he has taught and coached at Belmont (Mass.) Hill School, Boston College High School, and, most recently, at Babson College. He also played professional basketball in Greece before deciding on coaching.

Although young by coaching standards, Boyages comes to Bates with much more experience than one would imagine. He had coached and lectured at basketball camps throughout the East for the last eight years, and had spent the last six years either playing or coaching in the NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference).

His familiarity with New England basketball was one aspect of the interview process that gained recognition for him. "It was nice to be endorsed by the majority of the New England coaches," he said.

He always believed he could get the job if granted an interview, Boyages said, and soon after he was given one, the job was his.

Boyages said both his youthful enthusiasm and knowledge of many aspects of Division III basketball—playing, coaching, re-

cruiting and scouting—were keys to his obtaining the position.

Boyages thinks coaching at Bates will be a challenge, but nothing he can't handle, he said. One of the toughest aspects of the job, he said, will be the recruiting.

"Nowadays, a school's academic reputation alone doesn't necessarily convince a young person to attend," Boyages said.

"You can no longer sit back and wait for talented student-athletes to walk on your office. You've got to go out and pound the pavement. It's a consumer world, and you have to be able to sell the student on the opportunities that Bates offers."

As for this year's hoop team, Boyages is "cautiously optimistic". He feels this year's team has the potential to be one of the best in Bates history, but the Bobcats face a tough schedule, with only 9 of 22 games at home. Team chemistry, attitude, and work ethic will make the difference between a winning and losing season, he said.

As for his future plans, Boyages sees himself at Bates for a while.

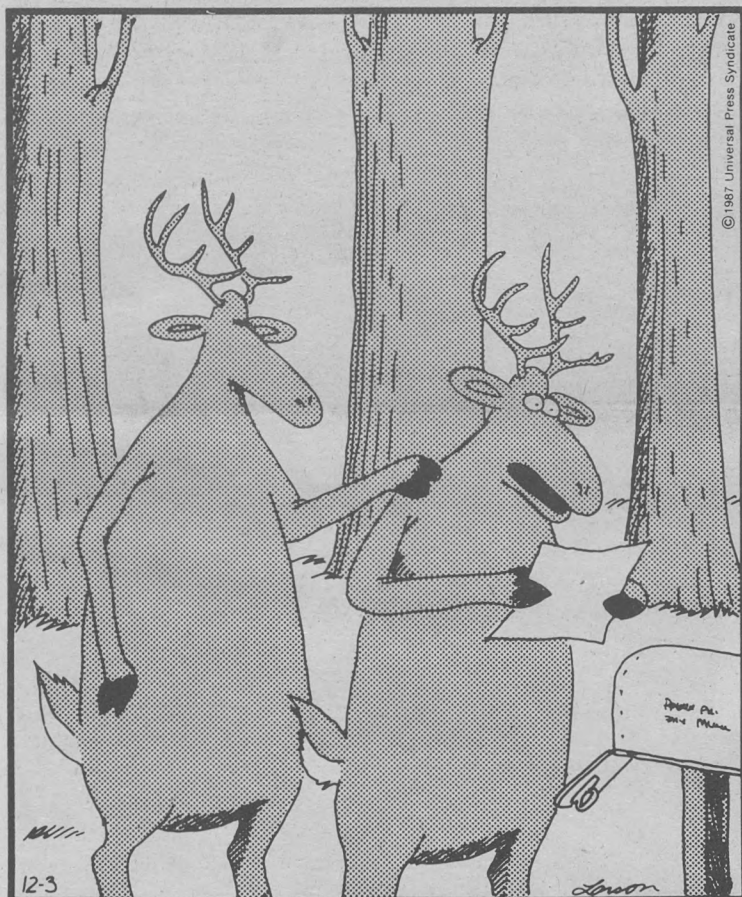
"My number one priority is to turn the Bates hoop program into a winning one, and I won't leave until I accomplish that." Boyages would like nothing more than to start the 87-88 season by beating his alma mater on December 2. He said he hopes the students turn out for the games, and he promises an exciting, fast-paced brand of basketball for the upcoming winter.



Men's basketball coach Rick Boyages, a Bowdoin alum, has moved up to Bates. Bob Greene photo.

## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Oh my God! It's from Connie! She's written me a 'John deer' letter!"

## Volleyball wins NE honors

by Peter Carr  
Student Correspondent

Members of the Bates Women's Volleyball team were honored for their performances during the 1987 season. Head coach Marsha Graef, sophomores Michele Feroah and Laurie Plante, and freshman Jen White all grabbed awards at this year's ceremony held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Coach Marsha Graef was named New England Division III "Coach of the Year" for leading her team to a 38-6 season record boosting her career mark to 106-16. In only her third season, Graef coached a young team to a Maine State title; a NIAC championship; and a ranking of second in New England under the ideals of "discipline and hard work within the team structure."

Michele Feroah and Laurie Plante were both honored as All-New England Selections as First Team and Second Team recipients respectively. As co-captain and play caller, Feroah, who was also

an All-Maine selection, led the Bobcat offensive attack to win her second straight All-NE trophy as a setter. Plante, an All-MAIAW Tournament recipient, led the 1987 Bobcats in kills and blocks while holding the key floor position of middle blocker.

Also, Jen White was selected as the 1987 New England Division III "Rookie of the Year" as voted by NE coaches. White's ability to place her shots in any spot on the floor made her Bates' second leading hitter in 1987 and a member of the All-MAIAW team as well.

In addition to these awards, three Bates players (including Fer-

oah) captured All-State honors. Rachel Clayton's '90 first year ever in organized volleyball was a successful one as the Bobcat's third leading hitter took first team honors. Also, co-captain Krista Bourquein '89 made her presence felt as a floor leader and consistently powerful hitter, and grabbed a second team All-State award.

"I am very pleased with the selections," noted Graef. "It is nice to see that others realized the power behind this year's success. However, I think that all the girls should be commended on a fine season. It was a total team effort from start to finish that made the 1987 season as great as it was."

### The season at a glance

- \* 38-6 overall record
- \* Northeast Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Champs
- \* Maine State champs
- \* Two all-New England player selections
- \* Three all-state player selections
- \* "Coach of the Year" Marsha Graef

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Toshiyuki Shimada directs Portland Symphony Orchestra impresses audience

by Amy Bruton  
Staff Reporter



Conductor of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, Toshiyuki Shimada, directs the orchestra in Merrill Gym. Erik Yates photo.

The hum of voices mingled with the tuning of instruments filled Merrill Gymnasium Monday evening at 7:45 p.m., as the eminent Portland Symphony Orchestra prepared to perform. Sponsored by Bates College, Central Maine Vocational Institute, Shop 'n Save, St. Mary's hospital and hosted by radio station, KISS FM. The classical concert was the grande finale in the 1987 Festival Series.

Conducting the impressive orchestra was Toshiyuki Shimada beginning the evening's entertainment with Anton Webern's "Pascaglia Op. 1." As the piece commenced, the commingling of string, brass, wind, woodwind,

and percussion instruments produced a vibrant gush of notes in incredible unison. The resonance of the instruments and the musical expertise of the musicians marked the orchestra as truly professional.

The second piece, Mozart's "Concerto for Flute and Harp" was especially enjoyable as a smaller version of the orchestra accompanied flutist Randolph Bowman and Harpist Jara Goodrich. Positioned on center stage with her classical gold harp, Goodrich gracefully plucked Mozart's familiar airy notes, as Bowman added a liveliness to the movement with his flute. Alternating solo parts in each of the three movements the two musicians enabled the audience to appreciate each of their unique talents, as they reanimated a time of classical music and kingly courts.

Shimada's conducting expertise was demonstrated in full force as his movements suggested a deep enjoyment of his work. This attitude flourished among the musicians to give the piece a magical quality.

After a brief intermission, the massive crowd settled down to hear Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 1 'Winter Dreams.'" With the orchestra returned to its original size, the first movement was executed with an intricacy and forte which invoked images of a swirling snow flurry. The pronounced string section, particularly the violins, produced a dream-like melody which spontaneously erupted into an intense flurry of notes with a definite Slavic origin. The fourth and final movement was full of dynamic musical prowess as Shimada conducted the orchestra

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## "The Running Man" falls flat on its face

by Ben Malcolm  
Student Correspondent

The Running Man," the new vehicle for the omnipresent Arnold Schwarzenegger, proves once again that one cannot expect to adapt a tired television plot to the movie screen, add in the usual violence and a few more people from the World Wrestling Federation, and expect to come out with anything worthwhile or new. Unfortunately, our favorite Austrian seems to have fallen into the trap of doing just this, and the results are less than satisfactory.

The plot revolves around a sadistic game show of future, post-catastrophe America in 2017. In this future, America has become a police state ruled by upper class yuppie business interests and a small underground has arisen amongst the ashes to wake the sheepish public against their tyrants. (Sound familiar?)

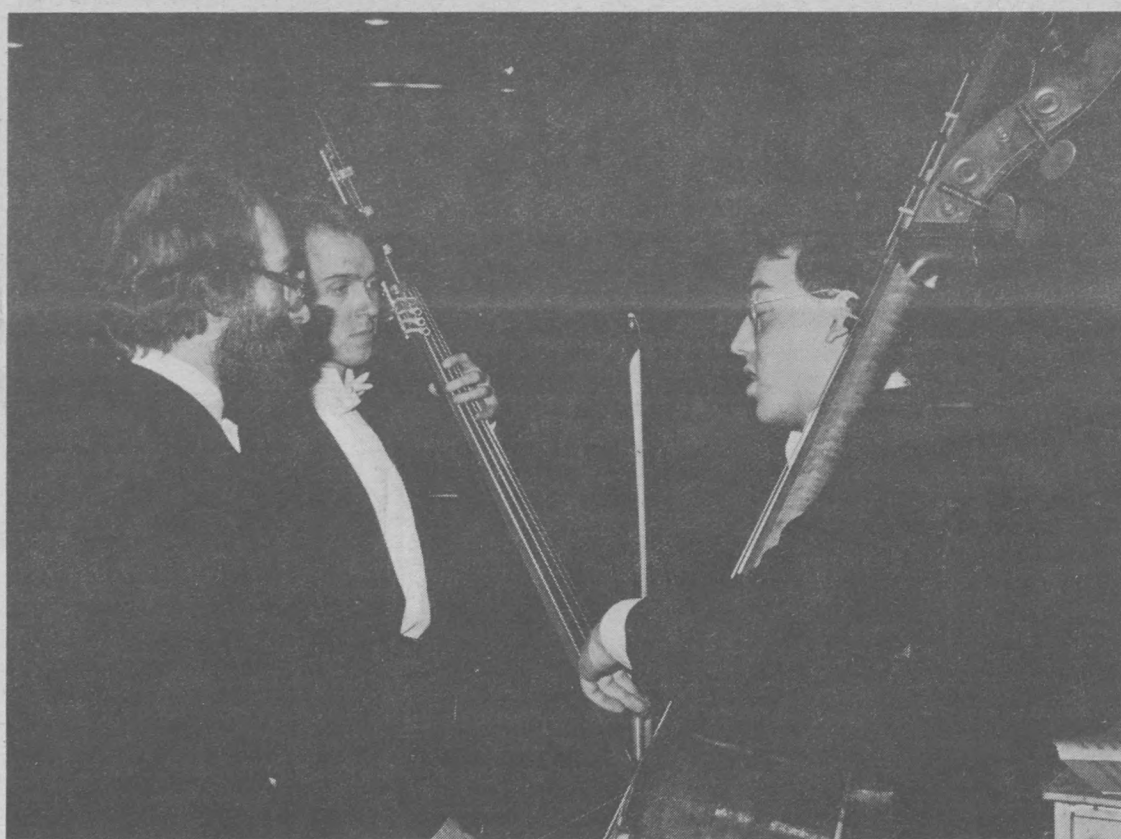
Will Arnold live through the game show? Will Richard Dawson, as the nefarious game show host Killian, receive his just deserts? Will Marie Conchita Alonso, as the wimpy sidekick, become brave and resourceful by the end? Will this movie never run out of used plot devices? Who cares...?

Besides providing the audience with a rather glum outlook on the future of this fine country, this movie provides lots of snickering with the following: the overdone

myriad trite little comments of the leads, the ridiculous Saturday-morning cartoonish pseudonyms for the villains, and the various Hollywood "luminaries," such as Dweezil Zappa, that parade across the screen.

One scene should sufficiently sum up the film. Richard Dawson is about to send Arnie down the death chute to his inevitable doom when Arnie stares at the game show host and states "I'll be

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Members of the Portland Symphony Orchestra string section chat during a performance break. Erik Yates photo.

## O Positive earns fly-by-night title "Best Band Ever" despite lack of shoes

by Daniel Jacoby  
Production Manager

One of the beauties of new music reviews is that they are always riddled with superlatives: new bands or clubs are either "The Most Wonderful Sound In The History Of Music", or "A Profound Embarrassment to Our Planet". Such is the beautiful throw-away nature of pop culture.

Bearing this in mind, last Friday, at the Tree Cafe in Portland, O Positive (O+) and the Pixies played The Best Sounds Ever Heard By Human Beings. The Tree Cafe, similarly, is The Most Wonderful Hang-Out Since Eden. Clearly, this was the most action five dollars could have bought on Friday.

O+, the headlining five-piece

band from Boston, played two hours of their characteristically complex pop to a particularly hip and dancing crowd. Currently promoting their new Extended Play Album *Cloud Factory*, this band defies the idea that Boston produces only garage bands.

Moreover, in a time when the American underground music scene is dominated by REMReplacementsHuskerDu, and the English counterpart by CureSmithsSiouxiEcho, it is refreshing to hear a band create their own sound, without following the esoteric-tortured-and-misunderstood-artist route.

Despite the fact that the bespeckled lead singer Dave Herlihy wore no shoes, O+'s complex rhythms and clever danceable tunes easily propel them to being this week's Best Band Ever. The hit single "Talk About Love" may

even keep them in that state for a while longer than most.

The opening band, the Pixies, however, only fit into the lesser deity status. As it appeared that this crew had less experience playing live than O+, were not as tight, and did not possess a sound all that separate from any one of a hundred bands on the Boston club scene. The saving grace of the Pixies was their lyrics.

Cleverness will get one almost anywhere in the music business, and this band clearly relied heavily upon this axiom. Sadly, the only line that stuck after seeing this foursome was from an outlandishly warped boy-misses-girl-song, which ran "Rub your hands on a cactus tree/Wipe it on your dress and send it to me". The poetic muse must have been busy while this song was being written, but in her absence, the Pixies did

produce some amusing songs.

Much of the success of these bands on that evening can be attributed to the acoustics of the Tree Cafe; a small two-floored club which looked as if Georgia O'Keefe's younger sister had designed the interior. The band and the dance floor can be seen from above in the restaurant part of the club, or from any part of the downstairs.

Not only is the visibility good, but the sound is outstanding. Sure, it is extremely loud just like all other nightclubs, but it is clear as well. A nice change from some clubs in Boston which for all intents might as well be under the harbor.

The Tree Cafe has also gotten together with Bates College radio station, WRBC, to help promote their concerts by giving away

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# Windham Hill band Metamora reveals depths of talent

by Rebecca Laroche  
Student Correspondent

The lyric asked, "Where does the music come from? Where does it go?" On last Thursday evening, it came from tradition and experience and metamorphasized into smiles and tapping feet.

The music which Metamora (Malcolm Dalglish, Grey Larsen, and Pete Sutherland) performed

came from an assortment of instruments. Then their voices in three-part harmony or solo a cappella created laughter and lasting impressions in the audience. The music, lyrics, the antics of the band made the evening at Olin Concert Hall thoroughly enjoyable.

Metamora's music was grounded in the folk tradition but had its own vein of inspiration in its three talented performers.

Malcolm Dalglish played the hammer dulcimer, chiming it through the hall, lilting it through such reverent traditional pieces as the Shaker song "Where is the Gem," which spread Metamora's inspiration to the listeners.

Dalglish derived the untraditional from the ancient dulcimer when he humorously recreated the new life seen in his daughter Jane. The words, "You're my little potato" were sung and then pun-

uated by Dalglish's dulcimer. Another of Dalglish's works, "Sunlight" employed only the dulcimer but created a room of light, nonetheless. Slowly the audience heard the experience of color breaking through darkness.

One cannot forget the other two members of the Windham Hill group. Grey Larsen, with his calm bass voice and talent on the synthesizer, accordion, flute, and violin impressed everyone with his depth in the Irish folk song tradition. A medley of Irish jigs performed Thursday, creating an auditorium full of tapping feet, ended with one of Larsen's own works "Thunderhead".

Pete Sutherland, lanky and expressive, entertained everyone with his sense of humor and his diverse musical talent. Being from Vermont, Sutherland shared a lot of stories that were well appreciated by those of us from Vermont. One of his songs, about the fabled sea monster of Lake Champlain, Champ, was performed by the trio in varying styles. The piece was simply entitled "Monster" and had everyone laughing with lines such as "something as big as a two car garage, frolicking under your

sailboat."

Throughout the performance he moved from synthesizer to fiddle to guitar, as more of his songwriting talent was revealed, such as in the energy of a piece he conceived during a very long, seemingly endless, North Dakota train ride. However, Sutherland showed seriousness when, a cappella, he voiced a story about Pat Grey, a victim of hard times and toxic waste.

On a lighter note, the encores made more laughter and a lively surprise. Dalglish, playing spoons, reentered followed by Larsen and Sutherland. The fiddle started. Members of the Freewill Folk Society, who sponsored the concert, ran up onto the stage and contrad danced while the audience clapped encouragement. Metamora's celebration of the old and the new, of mothers and children, of the traditional and the experimental ended with harmony and energy. Three separate special talents performed one act.

Metamora's latest album *The Great Road*, on the Windham Hill label, was sold along with other mementos during intermission. Their next album, *Morning Walk* will be out in January.



Metamora, the effervescent Windham Hill folk trio, will be releasing an album in January. Photo courtesy of the News Bureau.

## Movie trips itself up

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back." Dawson chuckles nervously, looks at Arnie's menacing eyes, thinks "hey, maybe this guy's really serious," and quips "only in the reruns, buddy." He then presses the button, sending Arnie down the hole. Let's see, what other movie does this remind me of, something with small-South American revolutionaries and a brave, beaten-on commando?

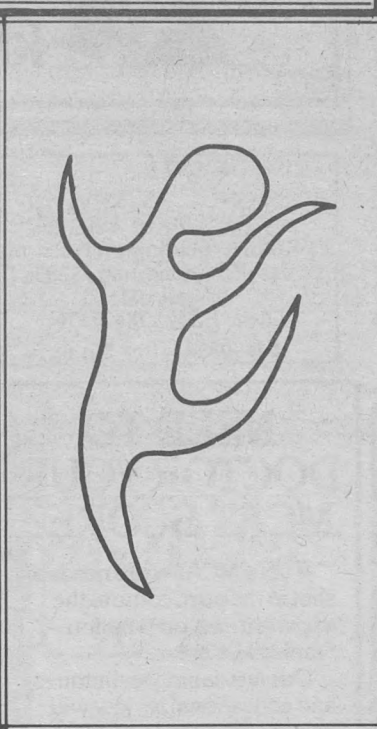
About the only bright spots in the movie are Richard Dawson, the parodies of game shows, and the special effects. Richard Dawson plays his role with great effect, swearing in the background scenes while maintaining his good guy persona in the foreground.

The parodies of today's game shows are funny even if they are a bit overdone, and the special effects hold their own. After seeing this film, one can only wish Arnold would get out of the same trap that Mr. Stallone has seemingly gotten himself into. He has become good at making money; he should be making good movies.

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complimentary tickets. Five pairs of tickets were given away over the air for this concert, and for last week's Tree Cafe appearance of The Radiators ten pairs were given away.



## Upcoming Events

- Ψ Continuing through Nov. 22, Theater Performance: The Maine Acting Company presents Bertold Brecht's stunning musical "The Three Penny Opera." 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays. MAC PAC 113 Lisbon Street, Lewiston. For ticket information and reservations call 784-1616.
- T Continuing through Dec. 13, Art Exhibit: The Olin Museum of Art presents the exhibit "Revealing the Spirit: Paintings by Alice Neel," with 14 works by the celebrated painter. Also on display are "Style in Portraiture" and "Recent Gifts, 1986-87." 10 a.m.-4p.m. Tues. through Sat. and 1-5 p.m. Sun. Olin Museum of Art. Admission: Free.
- ♠ Nov. 20, 22, Concert: The Androscoggin Chorale and Calderwood Consort present a program of Renaissance music. 8 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Olin Concert Hall. Admission: \$6/\$4 students and senior citizens.
- ♦ Nov. 19-22, Dance Performance: Portland dance artists Brian Crabtree, Gwyneth Jones, Gretchen Berg, and Paul Sarvis will be joined by performance artist Dan Hurlin in the production "Not Withstanding Around," the third part of the Portland Dance Company's "Dance Around Town." 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Baxter Gallery, Portland School of Art. Admission: \$9.50/\$7.50 students and senior citizens on Thursday through Saturday and \$10.50/\$8.50 students and senior citizens on Sunday.
- ♠ Nov. 21, Concert: A program of Brahms, Beethoven and Mendelssohn will be presented by The Arden Trio, opening the LPL Plus APL's Chamber Music Series. 8 p.m. Olin Concert Hall. Admission: \$6/\$4.
- ♠ Nov. 28, Concert: A variety of local talent will be featured in A Christian Songfest, a musical benefit for the hungry in Lewiston and Auburn. 8 p.m. Bates College Chapel. Admission: \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door. For reservations and information call 782-3554.

# Eye of the observer resides within writer Sidwa

By Amy Bruton  
Staff Reporter

She had never thought of herself as a writer; "it would have been presumptuous to do so," but at the age of 29, Bapsy Sidwa of Pakistan embarked on her first novel.

Assembling in Chase Lounge, Thursday evening at 8:00, a group of students, professors, and other members of the community had the privilege of hearing the Pakistani author articulately explain and read selections from her three

novels. Two of her novels, *The Bride* and *Croweaters* have been published in the United States as well as in England, and are the first to be published in English by a Pakistani writer.

Although the prospect of literary fame did not cross her mind at the time, Sidwa's experience in the Great Himalayan Mountains served as the inspiration and success for her first novel, *The Bride*. The basis for Sidwa's novel derived from her trip to the Himalayas where she and her husband observed a tribe of people completely isolated from civilization, possessing red and blonde hair due

to interbreeding.

It was here that the 29 year-old Sidwa heard the legend of a runaway bride who was brutally murdered by her husband in exchange for regained honor. The story affected her to such an extent that she spent the next four years developing it as a foundation to her novel. Portraying an American girl in Pakistan as a reflection of her feelings as well as a mirror to Pakistani life, Sidwa details the psychological alteration of the girl's mindset toward Pakistan and its inhabitants.

After *The Bride*, Sidwa contracted the "writer's itch," and

began a second, lighter novel, *Croweaters* which humorously portrayed her social circle in an affectionate manner. *Croweaters*, which is also a title given to those who talk too much in Pakistan, possesses insightful witty dialogues between family members of the mercantile class. Attributing her writing to her youthful love of English classics, and her conventional isolation from individuals outside her social circle, Sidwa comments on her desire to "make a statement." She achieves this in *Croweaters* with the acute eye of an observer as well as a member of a social group.

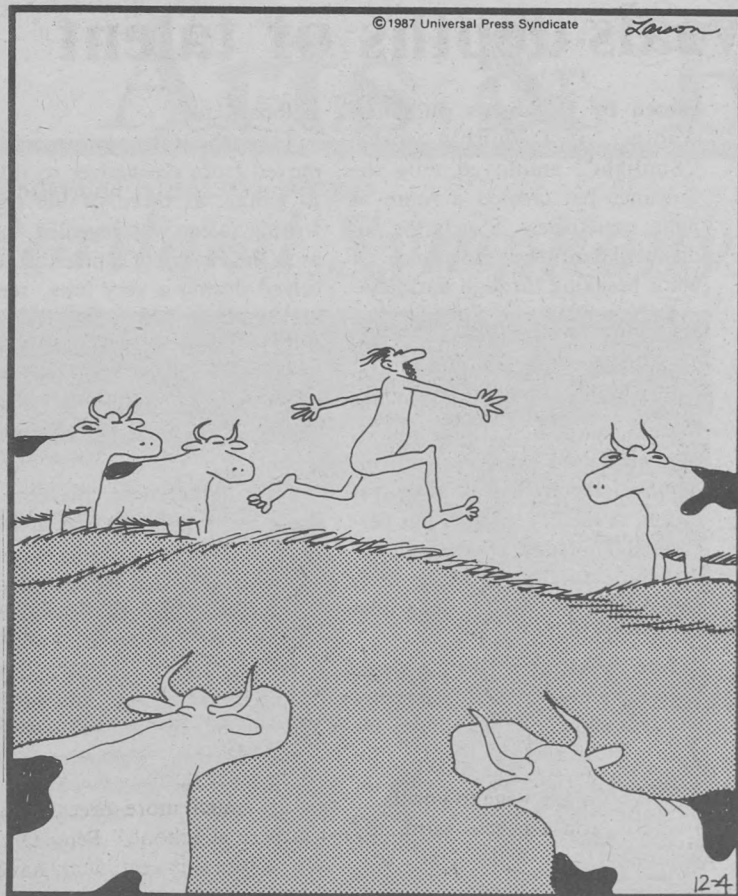
Sidwa's third novel, *Ice-Candy Man*, which is to be published on February 23, 1988, was a product of her motivation to revive the Partition of India, and its massive impact on the Pakistani people. Ironically enough, the novel is written through the eyes of a crippled child. Sidwa's descriptively haunting words used to recount the violent events of the Partition, enliven a somewhat forgotten incident in Pakistan's history.

Bapsy Sidwa is currently living in the United States as she communicates the political, historical, and cultural aspects of her Pakistani origins to her readers.



## THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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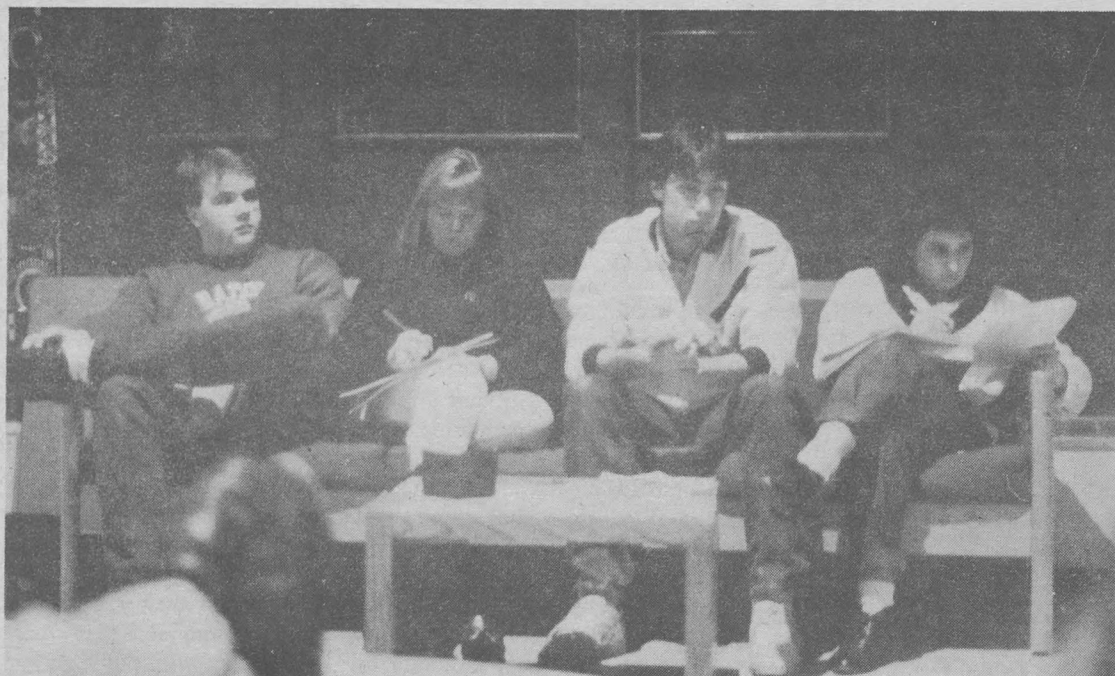
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Members of the R.A. Executive Board, l. to r.: Eric Fuchs '89, Suzanne Power '90, Sean Nolan '88 and Christina Pray '89, at last Monday's meeting. Bevin Howard photo.

## RA passes new amendments

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Earlier in the meeting, Director of Security, Mark McCracken answered questions about the parking and the lighting situations. McCracken said that although more cars were towed in the first two weeks of school this year than the last two years combined, one third the amount of tickets issued last year have been issued this year. Asked once again about complaints, McCracken said that

he does not receive many personally but rather picks them up through "the grapevine".

Concerning lighting, he said that the school is "reviewing the situation" and would accept a formal list of places on campus that students feel need to be better lit. Some students mentioned areas such as between Parker and the Chapel as well as parts of the Pit [the lot behind Lane Hall]. McCracken also said that he has

asked New England Telephone if Bates could get a 611 number that would work like the police 911 Emergency number and would patch students directly into concierge. As of the meeting, he had not received an answer.

The RA allocated money from the New Ideas Fund for an underground, off-beat humor magazine called *Death* to Chris Janak and Alex Winter.

## Necessity of 8 o'clock classes disputed

by Jane Gorham  
Staff Reporter

"Jeez... I've got an 8 o'clock tomorrow. No way do I feel like going... I guess I'll just blow it off." All too often this is how 8 a.m. classes are treated by Bates students. If this is the case, why do we have these classes to begin with?

According to Dean Branham, these classes are the result of a faculty decision to "condense" the academic calendar. An academic calendar that allows for shorter semesters with more breaks, and a five week short term. By having 8 a.m. classes, instructors are able to cover material they "didn't want to cut out" of their courses.

Faculty opinion is divided as to whether these classes are really necessary. Professors that teach the hard sciences like chemistry, math, and biology tend to be in favor of these classes. Professors from the humanities, history, English, Art, tend to oppose these holding these classes.

History Professor Liz Tobin calls these classes a "quicksave" to the semester. She rarely uses her 8 a.m. classes. When she does, it's for help sessions in her lower level courses. She feels there is no need to cover more than 12 weeks of material in one semester, and that the "emphasis should be on quality, not quantity".

Art Professor Linda Schlitt holds a similar view. In her first year of teaching at Bates, she has not used her 8 a.m. classes at all. She says they're a "good option for a make up, but, not as an additional lecture... because the semester is long enough without them."

Arguing against this is Professor of Chemistry Tom Wenzel. He

uses these classes because he needs the class time. He calls the twelve week semester "short".

Professors in the social sciences like political science, psychology, and sociology, side with the hard sciences in this argument. Professor of Psychology John Kelsey says he does use them for discussion groups and exams. He feels they are effective and necessary.

Professor of Political Science William Corlett says he only holds 8 a.m. classes for his upper level courses. He uses this time for "breakfast discussions" in the Rowe room in Commons. At one time he did use this time to give midterms and hour exams, but he stopped because this was "unpopular" with students.

For his 100 level courses, he sometimes schedules help sessions at 8 at night, instead of 8 in the morning because he found that attendance was much higher in the evening.

Since many of the faculty members feel that this extra class time is necessary, is there an alternative to adding 8 a.m. classes to an already full schedule?

One solution to the problem of low student attendance would be to hold these classes at a different time during the day. The first difficulty in doing this, according to Dean Branham, would be that "new legislation would have to be submitted for the faculty to vote on." Most likely, the result of this vote would be negative.

According to Professor Corlett scheduling these classes in the evening instead of the morning would run into difficulty for two reasons. One is that "most faculty are not interested in evening classes, and... would much rather teach at 8 a.m. than 8 p.m." Another reason he cites is

that it would interfere with student activities.

Prof Kelsey calls 8 a.m. a "not an unusual time of the day... perfectly legitimate."

Another suggestion is to add another week onto the semester. In doing this, either a week of short term would be cut out, a break would have to be cut out, or the semester would extend one week farther into the summer.

For many Professors, short term is already "too short". Professor Kelsey says he's "strongly opposed" to cutting any more out of short term. On the other hand, Professor Wenzel believes that

## It's not just a job —it's Venture

by Michelle Farrell  
Arts Editor

A forum concerning the College Venture Program was held Monday in Hirasawa Lounge, presenting information on the internship to interested students. Virginia Griffiths, associate director of career services, was on hand, along with students who had participated in the program, to describe the experience.

The program primarily provides students who are "burnt-out" scholastically with the opportunity to take a leave of absence away from academic pursuits. Providing a change of pace, Venture internships offer a variety of opportunities ranging from teaching sign language to gorillas, to working on a cheese farm, to working in the worlds of art, social service or business.

About 75% of the jobs provide for room and board as well as stipend, though the amount of financial support varies from job to job. Venture develops the jobs with employers, some of whom work solely with the program, but as Griffiths said, "the rest is between you and your employer."

However, if students experience difficulties while involved with the internship, the organization will provide support.

All of the former participants of the program praised the experiences they had with Venture. "You're thrown into real situations," said Michelle McGonagle '89, who worked in a shelter for battered women in London, "I grew up a lot and got a lot of self-confidence."

Each of these students noted how they had come away with a better sense of what they wanted to do in the future. Lorraine Jones '88 commented that the social service internship she had in St. Louis "helped me define what I want to do. I'm much more directed when I'm here at school." Peter Orgell '88 echoed this sentiment, having discovered as a result of his job in the business community that "being in business is definitely not where I want to be," noting how it lacked the glamour he had anticipated.

The participants also stressed that the respite from Bates gave them a new perspective on their educational pursuits. Orgell said, "It was like graduating from college and being able to come back," and the others agreed. The Venture Program showed them the value of their college education, and how fortunate they are. McGonagle remarked that she realized now how fortunate we are to have the opportunity, "If you have the chance (for a college education) take it."

Students interested in taking advantage of the program can pick up applications and make appointments with a counselor at the Office of Career Services located on the second floor of the Alumni House. A Venture book, updated constantly, is available which lists current positions which are available.

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## GPA system is flawed

The Bates grade point average system has a kink in it which — while at first appearing trivial—we feel is important and in need of correction. The current grading system is as follows:

A+	4.00	B+	3.30	C+	2.30	D+	1.30
A	4.00	B	3.00	C	2.00	D	1.00
A-	3.70	B-	2.70	C-	1.70	D-	0.70

Inspection of this point system reveals that the grades are not evenly incremented. For example, the difference between a B and a B+ is 0.30 points. However the difference between a B+ and an A- is 0.40 points.

The apparent reason for this discrepancy is that the college has simply rounded the figures off to the nearest tenth. For instance, a B+, instead of being worth 3.333 points, has been rounded down to 3.300. Likewise, an A- has been rounded up from 3.667 to 3.700.

In effect, the current system is docking points (0.033, to be exact) from those who receive a B+, C+, or D+ and adding 0.033 points to those who get a B-, C-, or D-.

We feel that the grade points should be evenly

incremented in the interest of fairness to every student. Thus, the college should implement this new system:

A+	4.000	B+	3.333	C+	2.333	D+	1.333
A	4.000	B	3.000	C	2.000	D	1.000
A-	3.667	B-	2.667	C-	1.667	D-	0.667

The college takes grade point averages very seriously, using them to determine academic standing, study abroad qualifications, as well as honors such as *cum laude*. The college should likewise take its grade point average system more seriously and not merely round off to the nearest tenth, especially since gpa's are computed to the thousandth place.

Under the new, fairer system, most students will not be affected by the slight adjustment in their grade point average. However there may be someone who has unjustly been placed on academic probation or denied *cum laude* under the current gpa system. Adjusting the system will vindicate these students, while giving everyone an equitable grade point average.

## Appreciate Commons staff

Next week almost all of us will be at home to celebrate Thansgiving. But, before we leave Bates to return to family and friends, let us try to remember yesterday was Commons Appreciation Day. Although we may complain about the food, remember that we are fortunate to have such a dedicated Commons staff that goes to great lengths to prepare food which is often consumed without a second thought. We have much to be thankful for here, and the Commons staff would most certainly appreciate our thanks.

Thanks should not just go to the Commons staff. The Maintenance Department also works very hard from 6:30 in the morning to 4:30 at night, to make this campus livable. The maids, who tirelessly go room to room cleaning up

after us—a service that very few other schools enjoy—deserve our thanks as well. The staff at Lane Hall, that works just as hard to make the college function, should not pass unnoticed either. No matter how busy we may be with term papers, exams and theses, we should take a small amount of time out to remember where we are and why we are here. Doing so will help us realize just how many people it takes to provide the services we all too often take for granted here at Bates. So, in the spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, let us all take that time to express our appreciation for what we have been so fortunate to receive. And this should not be too much to ask of anyone, and it will mean so much to the people who spend their lives providing for our needs here at Bates.



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## Letters to the Editor:

### RA article sensationalist

To the Editor:

The "article" that appeared on the front page of the *Student* of November 6 constituted a sensationalized misrepresentation of the facts concerning the allocation of funds for an RA phone. The editorial of November 13 at least tried to correct for the gross inaccuracies of that first article; the effort was necessary, but late. Unfortunately, the pathetic and inappropriate attempt at humor by "Chris and Alex" which also appeared in that issue overshadowed any undertaking by the Editorial Board to correct the earlier errors of the *Student*. It is unfortunate that the writers of this newspaper find they are only able to persuade their readers by systematically avoiding the inclusion of fact in their articles/columns.

For those of you who are still (understandably) confused, I offer the facts. Finally. The budget proposal of the RA was submitted late and it was less than thorough. Other proposals have in past years arrived in both states without any adverse consequences. When considered by the Budget Committee in the RA's hearing, virtually every item in the proposal was thoroughly questioned because explanations were not included in the proposal. The assumption that the \$150 was intended for the phone in the RA office was not a show of favoritism, but an understandable error. The RA's approved budget showed substantial

reductions from the original request.

When the Student Activities Budget went before the RA for ratification shortly thereafter, the Assembly questioned *only* the budget of the RA. While the Budget Committee is expected to carefully scrutinize every item in every budget proposal, they are human and they will make mistakes. It is no more likely that this will happen with the RA's budget than with any other campus organization's. The term "favoritism" is not appropriate.

Efforts are currently underway to improve the Budget procedures. There are problems that I and the Budget Committee are aware of and that we are diligently working at correcting. I find suggestions and constructive criticism much more useful than vicious and harassing attacks which have no fact for substantiation.

Jennifer L. Guckel '88  
President of the RA

*Ed. note: We regret the placement of Ron Schnieder's article "Guckel cited for fund misuse" in Issue 7 on the front page. Its aims would have been better fulfilled had it appeared on the Forum page. We apologize for the biased reporting it exhibited as a news article. The issues raised in the article, however, are newsworthy and deserved prime coverage.*

## Budget panel disagrees

To the Editor:

As members of last year's Budget Committee, we would like to address factual errors reported in last week's *Student* editorial. We found it ironic that while you attempted to set the facts straight, you failed to consult with any of the people involved in examining the R.A. budget.

The truth of the meeting is that the R.A. budget request was significantly reduced after considerable scrutiny. Although the '87-'88 budget was larger than the previous year, the committee did not approve the increases originally requested. In fact, after examining the request, the committee approved \$6,425 of the original \$8,365 requested, cutting the \$1,940 from Administrative, Special Projects, and New Ideas funds.

Contrary to the misleading assertion that "...no one remembers discussing the issue at all," it is the specific recollection of the four remaining members that the \$150

phone allocation was intended for office phone bills. That information was discussed during the committee's deliberation and included in the "official" records of the committee. Had the *Student* editors bothered to consult any of the Budget Committee members, we would have happily shared this information with them.

A \$150 request for a personal phone is not unprecedented in the budget process nor unreasonable. We hope this will end discussion of this issue.

We feel that this editorial was inaccurate and that it was irresponsible to print it.

Randall Bates '89  
William Dewey '89  
Erich Fuchs '89  
Christopher Klym '90

*Ed. note: We did attempt to contact two members of the Budget Committee without success. The sources we used were knowledgeable in the budget process, and at least one was present at the RA's budget hearing.*

## Yellow journalism

To the Editor:

For the last two weeks I have opened the pages of the *Student* (often times I have only had to read the front page) to discover a very evil stream making its way through some of the alleged journalism of this once respectable weekly "paper." Where on earth are some of these "writers" get-

ting their "information" for their articles/columns/editorials?

Someone(s) in that ivory tower of The Bates Student must be using The Enquirer (or my favorite—Weekly World News) as guidelines for their sensationalistic, and yes, even yellow journalistic tactics of writing.

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# Nothing goes right on a Monday

Bad karma, Bates-style, is typified on a Monday for poor Mike-o.

It has been a tiring weekend, yet not much has been accomplished. Mike-o struggles to get some sleep. It is 12:20 a.m. Monday, November 3.

The freshmen next door are playing punk again and bashing their heads against the walls. Mike-o should get up and complain, but he doesn't want the neighbors to think he's a deadbeat (but they already do.) He wouldn't want to ruin their party. Hours pass before the neighbors turn down their music. Mike-o cannot get to sleep the whole time...

## Twisted

Mike-o quickly wakes and jumps for his watch. He's forgotten to set his alarm, it's 7:57, and his 9 o'clock class has an 8 o'clock this morning. And two straight hours of inter-cellular biology is two hours too long.

He races out of his room and down the hall for the door. Suddenly he coughs up some phlegm, and launches it for the water fountain on his way out. It hits the maid instead...

Mike-o begins to doze off in inter-cell hell. His head begins to roll like a bowling pin about to fall. The head nearly rolls into his lap when *flash!* he wakes to consciousness again. However, the head seems to be on a dozing orbit through much of class. Falling asleep for Mike-o on such occa-

sions can be pure heaven, but he must stay awake and take notes, so it's pure hell.

And the professor is not helping Mike-o stay awake. The prof thinks 8 o'clocks mean story time. He is continually throwing stories—boring stories about cells—into the lecture which Mike-o need not put in his notes.

So Mike-o puts down his pen and tries to listen to these stories. But the urge is too great. His head calmly falls backward onto the headrest of the chair. His prof promptly queries, "Michael, I understand your doing your thesis on some of these aspects in chemistry?"

Mike-o darts up, but can only respond, "Huh?" Mike-o stays wide awake for the remainder of the class. The two hours seem like two years...

Mike-o guides his tray into the tool shed in Commons. He's there much later than usual—he's spent some time reading material for chem lab—so most of his usual dining companions have already eaten and left.

He finds no one that he knows, so he takes a table by himself. "Boy, all these other people must think I'm a loser sitting here all by myself," Mike-o tells himself.

Then a "friend" comes by and asks Mike-o, "Mind if I join you?" Mike-o cannot refuse, and thinks to himself, "If these people thought I was a loser sitting by myself, what do they think now that he has joined me?" page 15



"THE SUPREME COURT, JUDGE KENNEDY? DOWN THIS HALLWAY, LEFT AT THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, THROUGH THE ABA MOAT, AND OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SENATE CHAMBER."

## The Power of the pen

Well, Hep Cats, it's been a tough week, hasn't it? I know a lot of you were ready to turn in your official Hep Cat Badges, so I guess it's time for an explanation.

What you saw in this column was not supposed to be there. If we could turn back the clock and make it all work out the way it was supposed to, we would. If we could erase the column that was printed last week from the college's collective memory, we would.

To use a vehicle that was used last week (one that we now have a license to operate) imagine two guys who have a newspaper column. They hear a story about an

abuse of power by another student, and how said student seemed to just 'get away with it'. Now imagine they write a column about this abuse of power, still with us? Ok, here's where the curves come in:

The two guys submit the column and feel it was the right thing to do. Then (pay close attention trendsetters) they hear that this 'abuse of power' might have been an accident, and that said student didn't mean to do anything wrong. What a fix!

They didn't intend to cast aspersions on anyone's character. They *certainly* didn't intend to slander anyone. They simply wanted to address what they thought was a fairly serious problem and point out the need for a system of checks and balances and a potential (facetious) set of solutions.

However, when they found out that the truth of the matter—the truth, of course, being that funds were not "misappropriated", that the "abuse of power" was relatively minor, and that the problem was structural in nature—they changed what they wrote.

Problem: things aren't always quite so simple. The newspaper for which they wrote (which will remain nameless) inadvertently published the *wrong* column. The editors, pressed for time, mistakenly printed the first column, which was unfair and probably inaccurate, against the will of the authors.

You can imagine (here we go again) two guys drinking beer and reading *The Student*. All of a sudden, one of them shoots a stream of beer from his mouth, across the room and out the open window. The other one, surprised at the first's reaction, runs to the window to see if the beer hit anyone. It didn't.

Then the first (still with us?) tells the second about the "mis-hap". The second, in mid-swallow, shoots a stream of beer across the room, out the door, into someone else's room, and all over a dusty-blue shag rug.

We know what you're thinking, and you're wrong. You have a dirty mind, too. They *didn't* decide to commit heinous acts of violence against the editors, nor did they decide to get drunk and forget the whole thing. What they did is to write this column, which contains the following good idea:

The next three paragraphs should replace three paragraphs in the column which was printed last week. The first one replaces the paragraph which contains the words "president" and "personal telephone." The other two go at the end—they replace the paragraphs which begin "first" and "second."

Now, if you'll allow us to stretch your credibility bone for a minute, imagine that some official of that elected body—it doesn't matter who, it doesn't matter how—were to somehow abuse his or her power. What's important is that someone just might misuse their privilege someday. There could (I know it's hard to believe) be some obscure flaw in the procedures of that body which might—just might—allow for some potential perversion of the bylaws (not to mention the tri-laws).

First: the Power Of Protest. Remember those zany sit-ins of the 1960's? No? Well ask your parents. The students could grow their hair really long, take some

## Chris and Alex

drugs, and be lazy—and now they'd have an excuse! You could cut your classes like you always do, and claim it's a protest against creeping fascism.

Second: get drunk, go to a party, throw up, forget the whole thing, go to sleep. That's what you were going to do anyway, isn't it?

Yes, it's really easy and fun to do! Just clip 'em out and glue 'em on top of the offending paragraphs in last week's column. That way, you'll be able to read what *should* have been printed in the first place.

Want some more fun? Clip out this word: "Doody-Head" and place it over one of the editor's titles on the Forum page. We will. Ain't that a gas, Hep Cats?

Before you know it, you'll be able to earn big bucks doing layout for the *Student*. Then you can afford some Jim Beam.

Alex Winter and Chris Janak are columnists for the *Student*.

Ed. note: The first column was changed at our behest. Its publication can be attributed to a mistake made at layout, and we apologize. But we might also add that if we had not asked Chris and Alex to change the column, it would never have been rewritten to begin with.

## Thanksgiving with Java Man

How many Thanksgivings has it been since you've had to sit at the kids' table? Now, as the fourth Thursday of November approaches, and you pack up all your books, as though you are really going to get some work done, think about this American holiday and what it means for all of us. Java Man, a Southeast Asian by birth, but a true citizen of the world in every sense, has seen over three hundred and fifty Thanksgivings come and go, and he would like to share his views on the subject.

Tell us about the first Thanksgiving.

Well, the religious fanatics from England, having infected enough of the Native Americans with a killer virus, were finally able to scrounge up the supplies for a hot meal. Setting aside the good food for later, the Pilgrims invited a few of the collaborating natives, but they didn't give them any leftovers to take home. Afterwards, the Pilgrims sat around and noshed on the good hors d'oeuvres and gossiped about the Native American's unorthodox table manners and immodest clothing. The Pilgrims vowed never to invite those heathens back, and you know, they never did.

Java Man, how do modern Americans generally celebrate this placid holiday of plenty?

They have a nice dinner with the family and friends, and reflect on the gift of religious freedom. Rellegating the young people to the no-man's land of the Kid's Table in the basement, the adults proceed to talk politics and then talk

dirty over turkey, delicious vegetables, and an astounding array of starchy desserts. While the grown-ups sip coffee and smoke eight million cigarettes, the young cousins, who usually can't stand one another, go out to the garage and get wicked stoned until they've missed all the good TV shows and it's time to go home.

What should our readers watch for at this year's Thanksgiving feast?

Aside from the hot football games on TV, our readers should keep an eye out for that Shrinking Grandmother, only four feet tall and getting smaller, who will pinch a grown man's cheek and refer to

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him as a "cute little fellow." Then, there's the Opinionated/Racist Uncle, whose obnoxious comments will really stick in your craw as you prudently remain silent.

Glare at the Bratty First Grandchild, who of course can do no wrong in the abode of its indulgent grandparents. Leaf through that same old coffee Table Book, usually *50 Years of Life*, which has remained in the same spot for over twenty years. Check out your cousin's stash of pornographic magazines, which have been thrilling the little tykes for over a generation.

After dinner, remember to ask permission to go for that Walk Around The Block Without Your Coat On, because you feel kind of sick and need to smoke a cigarette. On the way home, as you

listen to the Sex Pistols or Elvis Costello, pretending not to be wasted, as you've done for about ten years now, expect your walkman batteries to die as soon as you get on the highway.

That sure sounds familiar! Java Man, you've spoken in the past of Java Man's Rule of Thanksgiving Dinner. What is that?

The rule is, no matter how old you are, YOU WILL ALWAYS GET IN TROUBLE FOR SOMETHING YOU DIDN'T REALLY DO.

Such as? Being rude to your relations. Breaking something. Not trying a new food when it was offered to you. Most likely, though, your parents will say that you were rude, that is, you disagreed openly with something that one of them said.

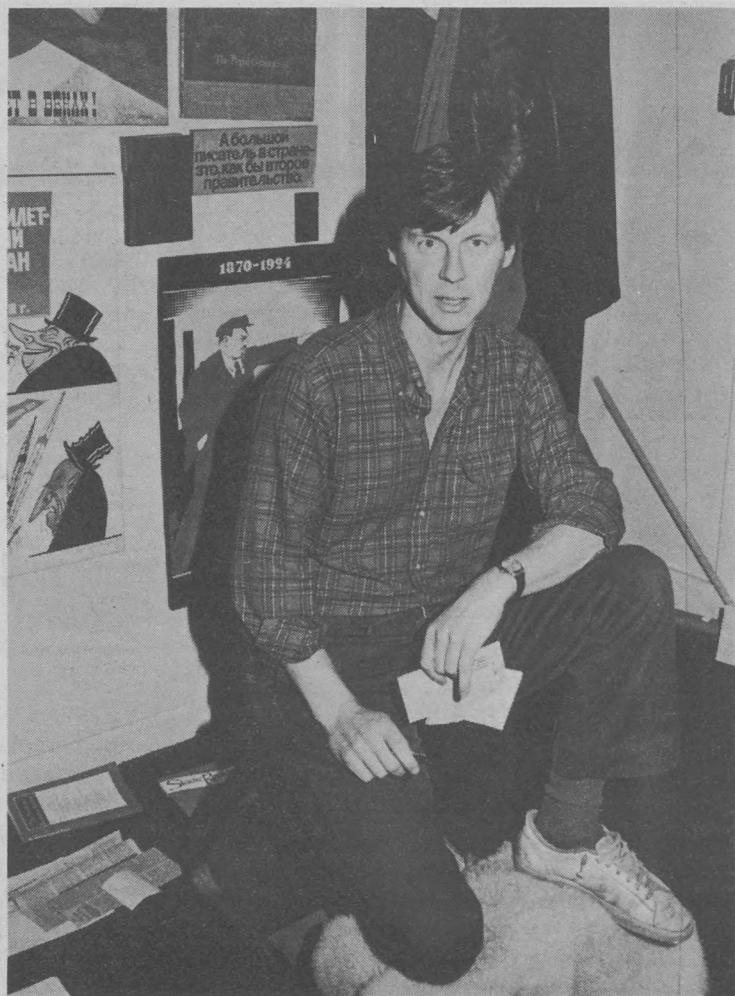
But that's precisely the type of freedom of expression that the Pilgrims kicked British out to protest!

Exactly. But, no matter how far we've come in three hundred and fifty years, there will still be a Kid's Table, and the true meaning of the holiday is giving thanks that you're powerful enough to actually make other people sit there.

The Java Man column is written for the *Student* by an '86 Bates grad.

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Assistant Professor of Economics Robert McIntyre awaiting tenure decision from the Board of Trustees. Erik Yates photo.

## Tenure appeals process continues

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tigious educational publisher. Professor Sylvester, who is both the chair of the anthropology/sociology department and was a member of the Faculty Committee on Personal when Crawford was up for tenure [he could not vote on Crawford], would not comment whether the book contract was brought to the committee's attention when the original decision was being considered.

In response to questioning about a rumor that a bureaucratic

mistake had occurred in last years tenure process resulting in an inappropriate appointment or denial President Reynolds said, "Not that I know of. My memory is notoriously bad, but I can not think of anything. The Deans office is the administrative agency and they are incredibly scrupulous in making sure that mistakes and people getting wrong letters, or something like that, are not made. I am not saying that it is humanly impossible, but I know of no way in which any of these decisions was affected [pro or con]."

## De Rosa details Oxfam

by Donna Markus  
Student Correspondent

James Arena de Rosa, an Oxfam spokesman gave a talk Thursday night in Skelton Lounge saying, "World hunger is a problem that has been around for a long time and needs to be solved through a long-term approach." De Rosa discussed famine relief efforts in Africa and South America, particularly Nicaragua and Ethiopia.

De Rosa started out by familiarizing his audience with Oxfam. He explained that it is an international development agency which sets up projects aimed toward relief in Asia, Africa, South America and Latin America. The organization is not supported by any government funds. The programs it initiates stress self-reliance; that is, the people taking control of their own situation with the help of Oxfam aid.

Several reasons for hunger problems in the world were cited by de Rosa. One of these is the way resources are allocated in a

country. This has a great effect on the financial situation of its inhabitants. As de Rosa called it, "unfair allocation" can be the cause for famine in a country.

The way the world's resources are distributed is also a factor in the amount of world hunger. De Rosa asked, rhetorically, why fifteen-million children die every year even though farmers are paid to produce food.

Civil war has a devastating effect on the financial well-being of a country, also. In this case, funding tends to go to medicine to help the casualties of the war, rather than toward food and programs of long-term famine relief.

Oxfam itself has lost a number of projects due to the outbreak of war in various areas. De Rosa also pointed out that even in times of peace, many countries tend to spend more money on military supplies rather than food and medicine.

A final factor which de Rosa attributed to the existence of famine in the world is campuses which are becoming less and less active in the

effort to help control world hunger. He did say, however, a "high percentage" (some 33% of the Bates campus) participated in the fast last Friday night resulting in funds to help children in underprivileged nations.

Going on, de Rosa spoke of specific cases in which Oxfam has intervened and offered help. One such example is Ethiopia, where Oxfam sent help in the form of food and supplies. However, Oxfam does not administrate the program. The people living in the camps there are left to determine how their own program is going to work. Oxfam said this policy is a more effective way of handling the situation since the people in the situation can better understand and know how to organize the program for the best living conditions possible.

The members of Oxfam realize that small individual programs are not going to rid Ethiopia of its famine problems. To do this, a long-term approach must be taken. The executive director of Oxfam just recently returned from Washington and he said funds should be spent now on agricultural and water supplies for farmers so that next year money can be allocated for food and medicine to keep people alive. Another problem that Oxfam has dealt with in the past is the inability of people to gain access to land. Poorer people who don't have access to bank loans are often taken advantage of by wealthier people who may charge 60% interest.

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on this."

Both of the officers plan on looking at past activities held for seniors, and look forward to implementing some new ones. "We're going to look at some of the ideas of the past and see how people feel about them," Murphy said. Sutherland pointed out,

"There are so many people out there with ideas for the Senior Week and we'll hopefully take advantage of that."

Senior activities may begin as early as sometime during next semester, with a possible Senior Class happy hour in the works. Plans are being laid out for a "88 Days Before Graduation" party for sometime in March.

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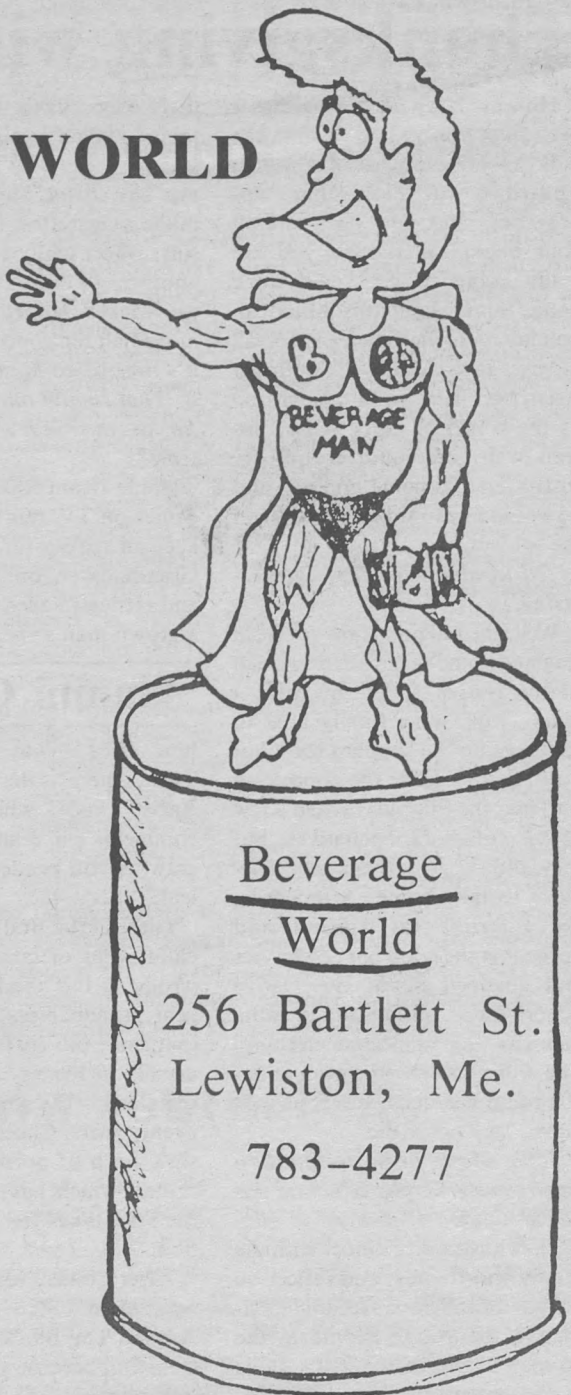
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# Don't like Monday

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"friend" provides much needed but boring conversation on events he had just gleaned from the Wall Street Journal. Mike-o barely follows the conversation. Mike-o is only hoping that the "friend" won't fall into his habit of picking his nose while eating. Sure enough, the "friend" picks his nose...

Near the front door of the dorm, he bumps into his friend, the one he sits next to in psychology of religion. "How's the studying going for tomorrow's test?," she asks.

"Oh my god! I totally forgot about that test!" .....

Mike-o spends the rest of the day, and most of the night, in the library.

Soon his important concentration is interrupted. Other students begin talking rather loudly at the table adjacent to Mike-o's. They eventually quiet down, but they just won't stop talking.

## Housing Crunch: No end in sight

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numbering in the upper three hundreds. However, Wylie Mitchell, Director of Admissions, said that admissions won't even receive a desired number until January.

Nobody will deny that the housing situation at Bates is less than perfect, but it appears that it isn't going to change any time soon. Before any project is to be started, it will have to be backed

Mike-o heads back to the dorm to study.

When Mike-o gets to his floor, he is calmly surprised. No one is at home tonight, so the floor is deathly quiet. "Maybe I can get some studying done here," Mike-o laughs. He can only think that someone will soon crank a stereo to kill the silence. But the floor stays quiet, almost too quiet, for a long time.

The quiet, and Mike-o's deep interest in religion and psychology, soon lulls the poor boy to sleep. It is precisely 12:01 a.m. Tuesday.

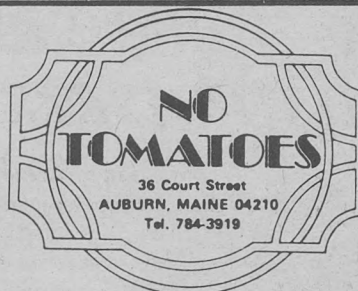
*Twisted is a columnist for the Student*

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De Rosa concluded his speech by saying that awareness of Oxfam and its efforts is rising which will hopefully help bring about a long-term solution to the problem of world hunger.

up with as of yet untouched research supporting the project with actual numbers. Limited space and funds will require much planning. Said Carpenter, "we have to do things as right as we can because we have limited resources." Until future improvements come about, the administration will have to face the challenge of working with what we have to satisfy the changing needs of this residential college.



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## RA article

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I'm still waiting for an apology/explanation for the unforgivable article written by Mr. Schneider in the November 6 issue of the Student. Was this "article" meant to be put on the front page as an editorial? I thought editorials were placed under the Forum section of the paper—if not, mea culpa. Has anyone interviewed Ms. Guckel about this issue yet? I have seen no quote from Ms. Guckel herself about what has happened. I have so far only heard opinions and rumors. To continue to cite the grossly opinionated editorial-like "article" by Mr. Schneider would only be wasting my and your time.

In this past week's Student the editorial written by the Editor (or was it more than one editor writing this editorial, as I have heard), "Budget process is at fault," shed some well needed light onto the dark sanctum sanctorium of The Budget Committee's workings.

What followed on the next page of the same issue of last week's Student made me want to vomit. The thing written by the "really intense beatnik intellectuals who happen to write for the Student"

was totally out of character for the Student, maybe not so for the article's "authors." The allusions made to "some president at some liberal arts institution somewhere" and the misuse of funds, was not clever; why didn't you just say Jennifer Guckel, Bates College, Lewiston—it would have made your "point" clear and wouldn't have bored us quite so much. Your "suggestions" on how to deal with "these things" (presidents in need of punishment), as you so eloquently put them, were not just ridiculous they are harrassment. I think what annoyed me the most was the ability to spout forth all these "pearls of wisdom" while still being able to "Take it all with a few chugs of Beam." Please.

I sincerely hope that the Editor of this paper is reading the articles, columns, and editorials that are appearing weekly under his heading as Editor-in-Chief, because the seeds of yellow journalism are quickly blossoming into flowers of sensationalism and injuring innocent people.

Michael Foley '89

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## Do you think there should be on-campus condom dispensers?

by John Lamontagne  
News Editor

Bevin Howard  
Photographer



**Khairah Kain '91** "Yes, I think the use of condoms is important in avoiding pregnancy and disease. There are many good reasons for having them, and people are mature enough here not to find humor in (dispensing machines)."



**Alan Issokson '88** "You can get them at the Health Center, so why do you need a dispenser? Besides, some people may need some instruction (at the Health Center)."



**Allison Davis '89** "No, I don't think so. I think it's something the couple should decide on and go out and get accordingly."



**Darius Shahinfar '88** "By all means. It'll save the long walk to the Health Center."

**Rick Schiffman '88** "Sure, why not? I don't want to get AIDS."

## Student responses to parking poll

### Transportation

"In a city like Lewiston, a car is essential for going almost anywhere off-campus, as public transportation is virtually non-existent."  
- '89

### Parking spaces

"It's not that I'm lazy but the walk from AFEB is very long when it is 2 F."  
- '88

"Why won't security allow people to park behind Holmes house this year when they could last year?"  
- '89

"Add another row of parking in front of J.B. there is enough room on the flat grass. Why not?"  
- '88

"I feel that the lot next to Stillman house should be an extra parking lot rather than a poorly drained mud hole."  
- '89

"I think one way to solve the parking problem would be to restrict freshmen from having cars, except for under special circumstances. Other schools do it and it works well."  
- '89

"I do not have a car on campus *because* of the parking hassle!!"  
- '90

"I am thankful that I am able to have a car and I realize that this brings about problems that I have to live with. I have to deal with flat tires, broken windows, filling my tank with gas, and the problem that you are addressing with this poll . . . It's a pain sometimes to find a place to park on campus but that is what we should have to live with along with the pleasures a car can provide."  
- '88

### \$50 parking fee

"The \$50 fee is ludicrous, because you aren't paying for anything. You are not

guaranteed a space and your not paying for any sort of service."  
- '88

"The fifty dollars should have some form of insurance to it, if anything happens to your car."  
- '90

"\$50 is ridiculous - don't we pay enough *already*? Come on!! It was \$25 my sophomore year - and you then double it. What kind of scam is that!?"  
- '88

### Financial aid

"Why, when you can easily buy a stereo system for the same price as a . . . [junk] car, do they arbitrarily say Financial Aid

Students cannot have cars. Why not tell them that they cannot buy a \$1,000 stereo system, too?"  
- '88

"I . . . need my car to go to work. If I didn't need Financial Aid I probably would have enough \$ so I wouldn't need the job either."  
- '90

"I don't qualify for financial aid and I can't afford to even own a car because all my money is going toward tuition bills. How does someone on financial aid afford to have a car on campus?"  
- '89

*Have a* **Happy Thanksgiving!**